

このつひろ

hanafuru  
futari  
sokanetsu hiro

# 花 降 る

# ふ た り

17歳で彗星のごとく  
文壇デビューした水上青年は  
直後、筆を折る。  
秘められた真実――  
受賞作は盗作だったのだ。




やがて営業マンとなった水上は、  
同期の地味総務・加久田に  
「大ファン」だと告げられる。  
何も知らず、無邪気ともいえる  
加久田の賛辞。  
水上は自分の思まわしい過去を  
愛する加久田に  
何の因果か惹かれてしまい、  
肉体を要求していくが…。



2人のサラリーマンに降り注ぐ  
繊細で残酷で美しすぎるラブストーリー。  
大幅加筆修正。



A young man with dark hair and blue eyes is looking out a window. The background is a blurred cityscape. The word "STOP" is written in large, red, stylized letters across the middle of the image.

# STOP

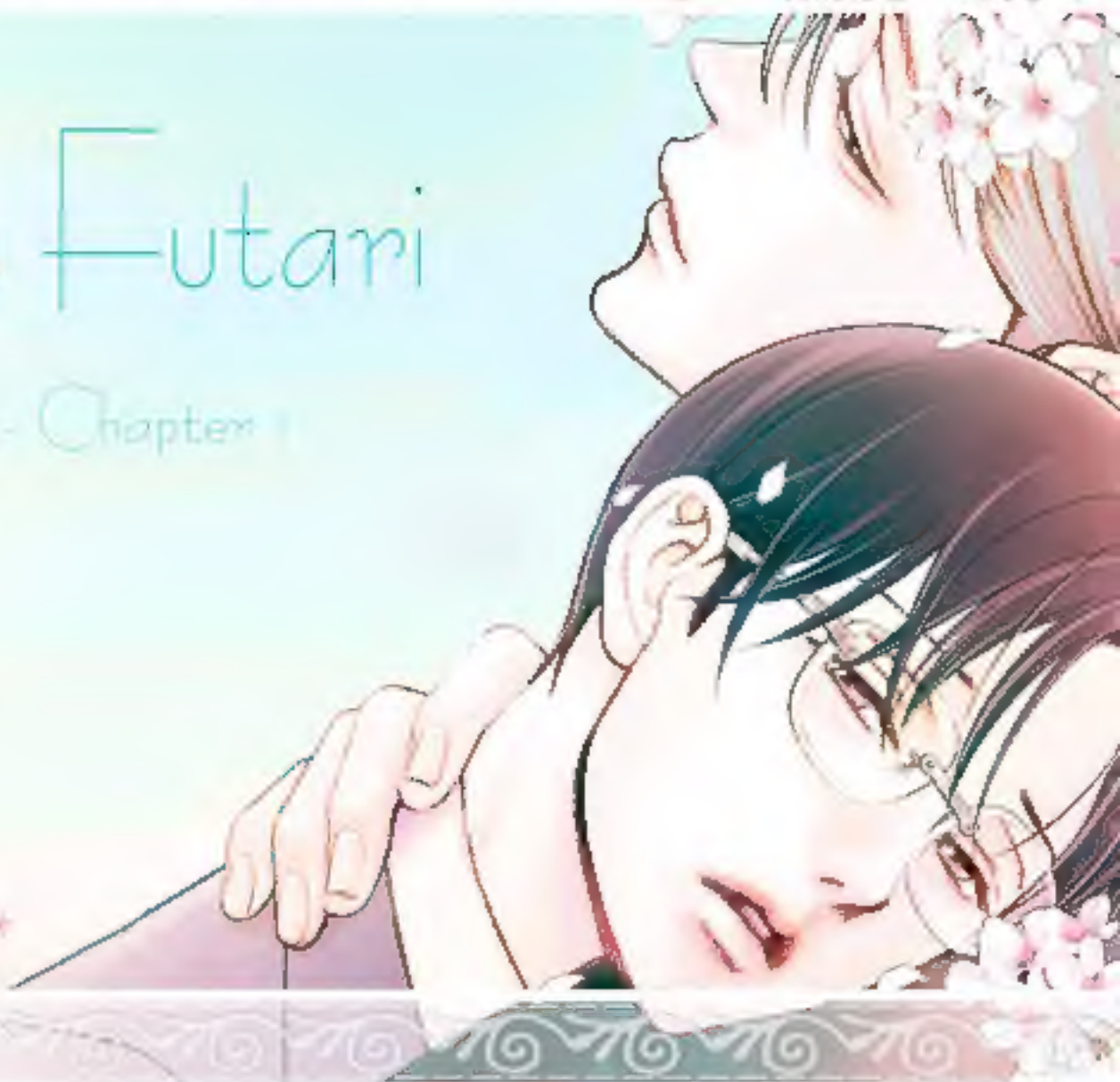
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Two Flower Petals Falling - Chapter 1  
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He was  
born early  
in the  
morning,

and the  
boy looks  
just  
like your  
brother!

Ever since  
he closed  
his shop,  
Dad hasn't  
been doing all  
that well.

THAT'S  
GREAT  
TO  
HEAR.

Eisuke, do  
you think that  
you can make it  
to the baby  
shower?

The remaining bits of memories...



SORRY,  
I'VE BEEN  
QUITE BUSY  
LATELY.

BUT I'LL BE  
SURE TO SEND  
SOMETHING.

I will carry on by  
locking them away.



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MI-MINAKAMI-KUN!

WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE OUT ON FIELD WORK TODAY?!



GOOD WORK, KAKUTA.

!!



IS-IS THAT SO?

THE CLIENTS REQUESTED TO MOVE IT TO THE AFTERNOON.

flinch

bump

AH, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE PRESENTATION FOR THE NEW E-LOCK?



He's...

地上

AH,  
YES!

EEH?

Shove

BE SURE  
TO SHARE  
THEM WITH  
EVERYONE  
FROM  
GENERAL  
AFFAIRS!

TAKE  
THESE.  
THEY ARE  
SOUVENIRS  
FROM LAST  
WEEK'S  
OUTING.

LOOK AT  
HIM, HE'S  
IDENTICAL  
TO YOU!



I'VE  
BROUGHT THE  
LOCAL ICON,  
ISHIUSU-KUN  
BALLPOINT, AS  
A PRESENT!

THA-  
THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH.

AND~  
JUST  
FOR  
KAKUTA-  
KUN~





TA-TAKE  
CARE...



ANY-  
WAY,  
I THINK  
IT'S ABOUT  
TIME THAT  
I HEAD  
OUT.



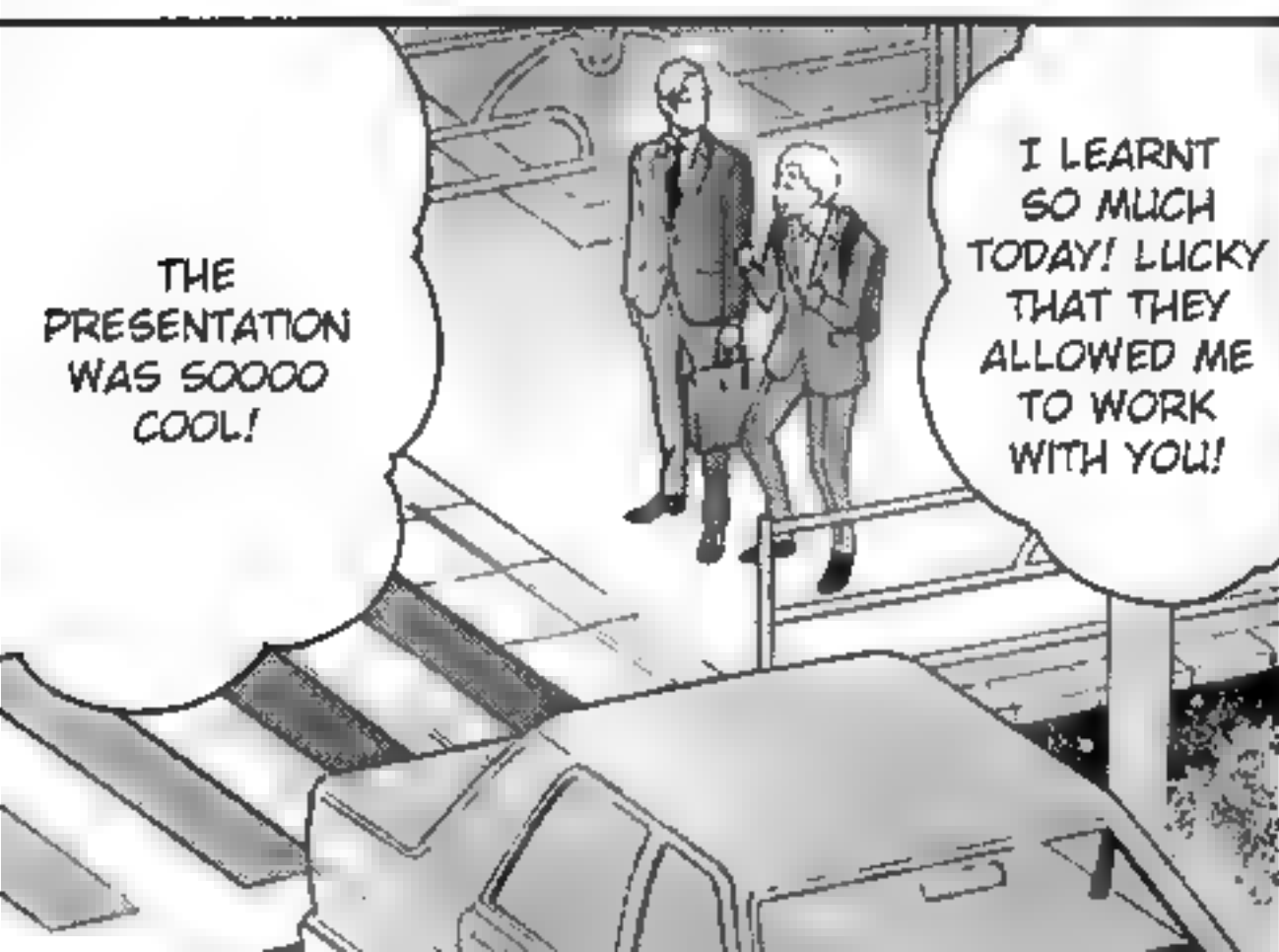
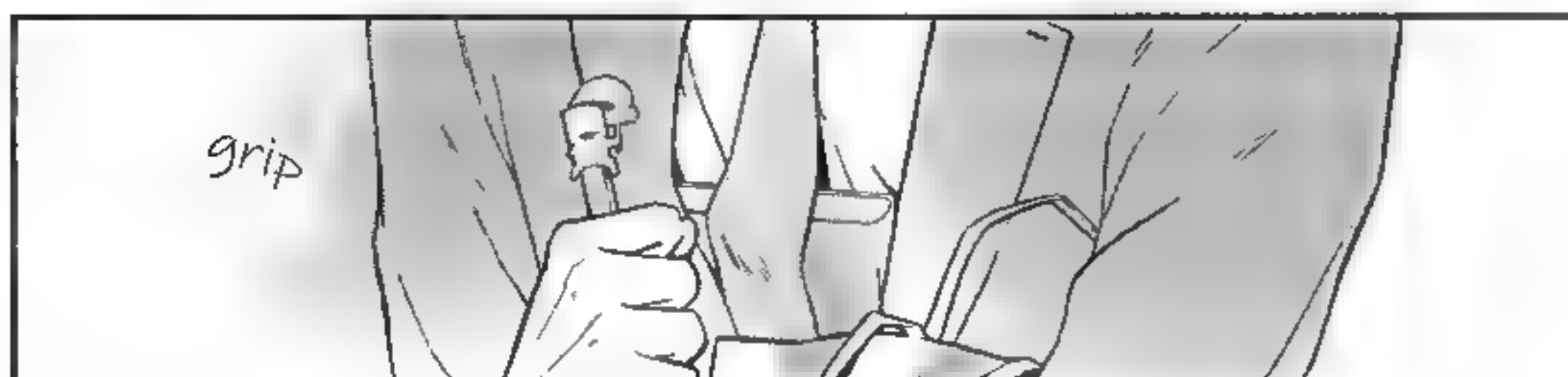
HAVE YOU  
BURNT YOUR  
BRAIN CELLS,  
FAIRYTALE  
VIRGIN?

TO THINK THAT  
YOU WOULD  
EVEN BRING IT TO  
THE OFFICE...

Give  
me a  
break.















IT'S  
A BAD  
DAY...



SALES  
MANAGER

Oh, yeah...

He loves  
spicy things.

DON'T  
FORGET THAT  
WE STILL  
HAVE TO  
ACCOMPANY  
THE MANAGER  
TODAY.

Remember?



but I don't  
think that  
I will be able to  
meet up today.

Minakami-  
san,  
I apologise,



Good job  
today.  
It's Ishida.



YES, IT'S  
MINAKAMI.



chuckle





TO THINK THAT  
GENERAL AFFAIRS' KAKUTA  
IS THIS EXCELLENT!

SUDDENLY  
INVITED

A PETTY  
REVENGE.

Wahaha!

NO...

NOTHING  
LIKE THAT!



OH, LOOK  
AT YOU.



IT  
MUST BE  
AWKWARD,  
DOING  
THINGS  
THAT YOU  
AREN'T  
GOOD AT.



AMAZING...

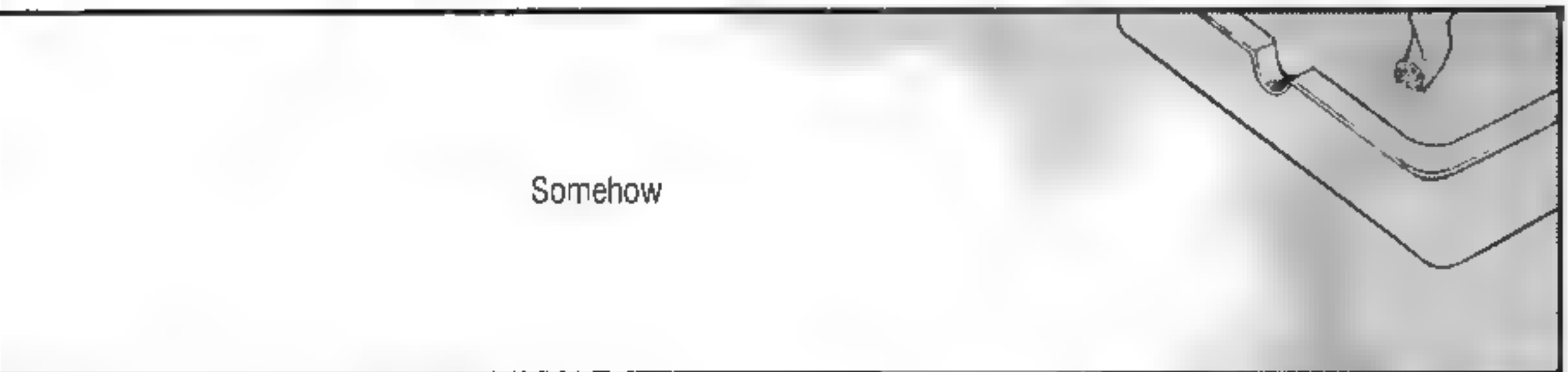
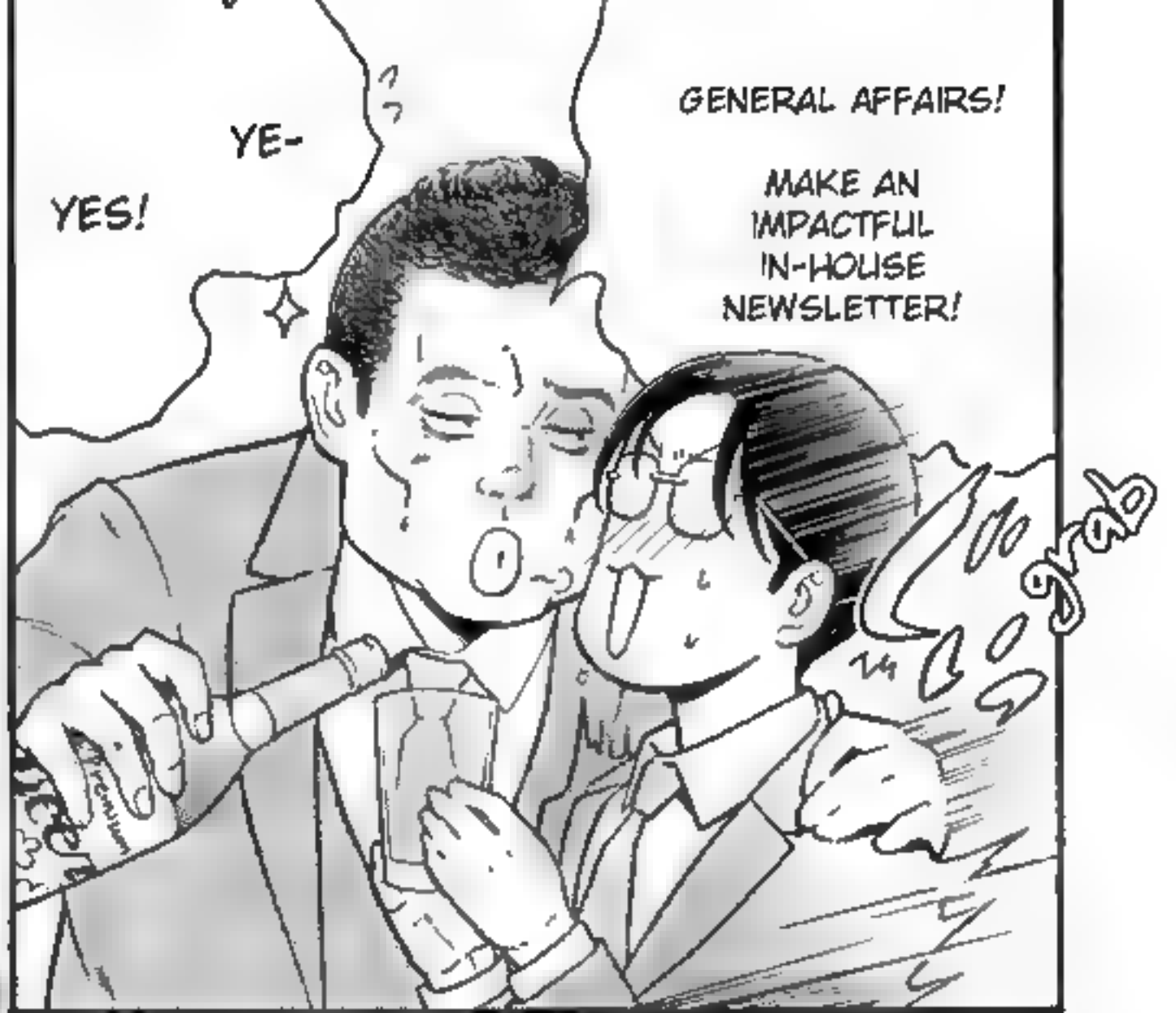
DURING THE  
NEXT IN-HOUSE  
AWARDS CERE-  
MONY, JUST  
LIKE LAST YEAR,  
MINAKAMI-KUN  
WILL GET THE  
"NEW DEVE-  
LOPMENT  
AWARD"!

BUT IF WE  
ARE TALKING  
ABOUT  
ABILITIES,  
OUR  
MINAKAMI-KUN  
DOESN'T FALL  
BEHIND.

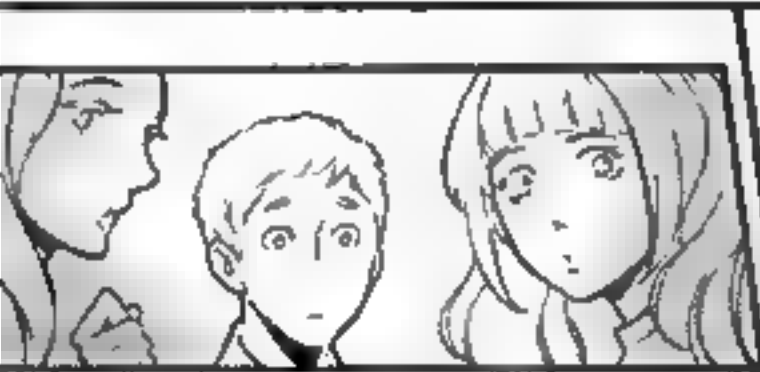
IT'S  
THANKS  
TO THE  
MANAGER'S  
SUPPORT.







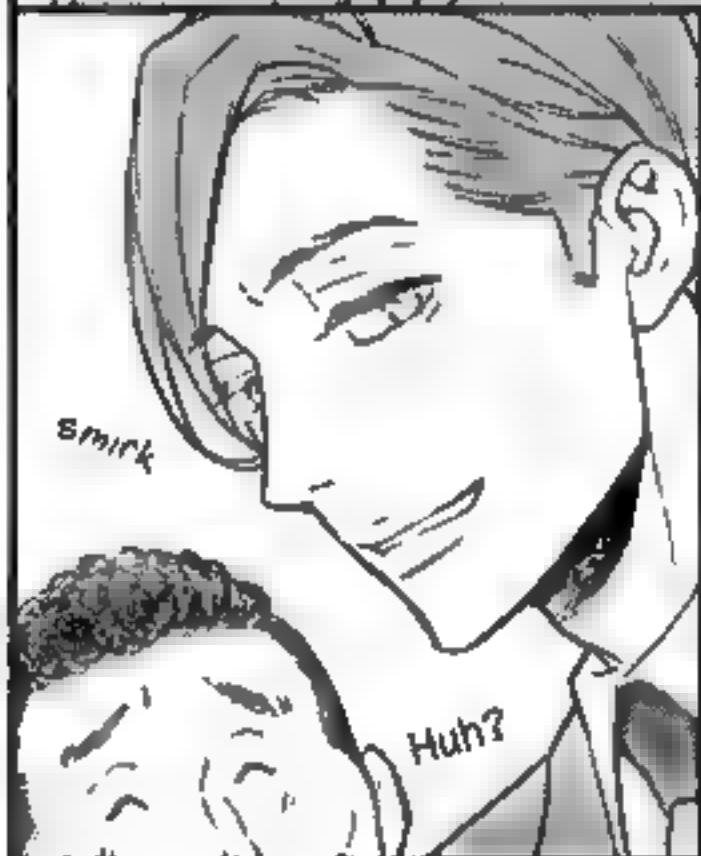
Somehow



I wanted to make  
you flustered.







Smirk

Huh?



IT'S  
SUCH A RARE  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO DRINK  
TOGETHER WITH  
THE MANAGER,  
AND IT WILL BE  
SUCH A WASTE  
IF KAKUTA  
GOT DRUNK.



SINCE  
KAKUTA  
IS NOT A  
DRINKER,  
LET ME  
ACCOMPANY  
YOU FROM  
NOW ON.



nod



Honestly, this  
guy has it bad

AM I  
DOING?

JUST  
WHAT

a ways..

Ever  
since  
we  
met

5 YEARS  
AGO.

IT'S  
JUST...

I GOT TOO  
EXCITED...

JUST BECAUSE  
EVERYBODY  
WAS A NEWBIE,  
YOU SHOULDN'T  
LET YOURSELF  
GO LIKE THIS.

HEY, ARE  
YOU SURE  
THAT'S THE  
APART-  
MENT?

YESSES...



ARE WE  
FRIENDS?

TODAY,  
MY  
DREAM  
FINALLY  
CAME  
TRUE.

WANTED  
TO TALK  
WITH YOU...

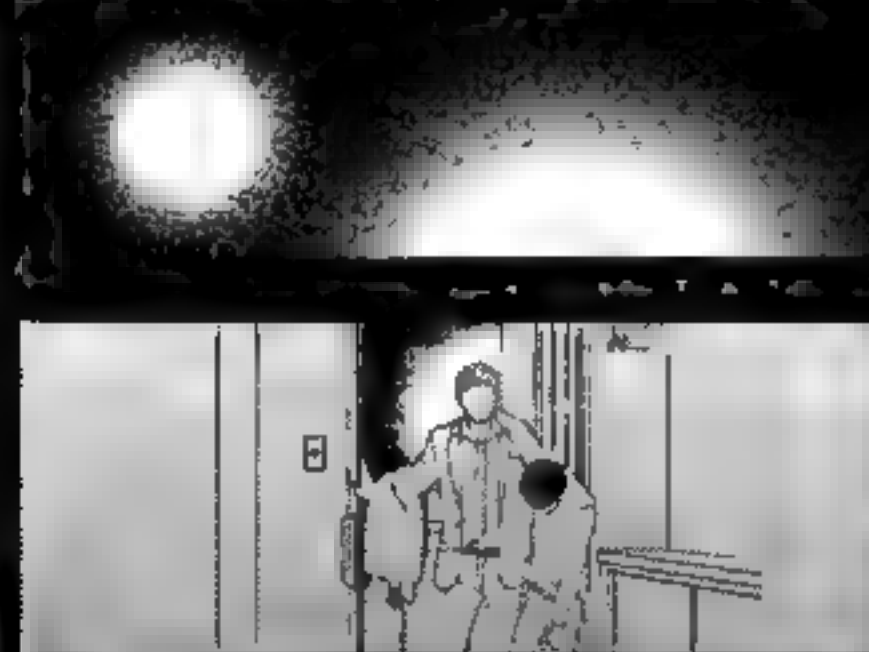
EVER SINCE  
I SAW YOU  
AT THE  
INDUCTION  
CEREMONY,  
I HAD  
ALWAYS...

slip

HONESTLY...

snuggle

WHAT A...  
BEAUTIFUL  
DAY.







BOOK?

AH...  
YES...



WHAT'S  
THIS  
SUPPOSED  
TO MEAN...

THIS  
BOOK...

HEY...







THANK  
YOU,

MINAKAMI-  
KUN.

Years ago,

I was an author.

it didn't take even  
a year for me  
to put down the pen.

Although  
I was  
showered  
in praise  
even from  
critics and  
the likes,

My first work  
"The Shadow  
on the Ground"  
was an allegorical  
work depicting  
the days of  
a young man  
living in a  
remote area.

Debuting  
at 17,

文学賞 文芸  
青藍  
5

青藍新人賞  
最年少受賞

地上の影

水上市



THANK...  
YOU...



No one

should  
be able to  
remember  
me  
anytime



caress

It's now an  
old story



I SHOULD  
QUICKLY  
REMOVE  
MYSELF  
FROM SUCH A  
TROUBLESOME  
GUY.

hold







I've locked  
away those  
memories  
that can't be  
forgotten,

HE'S  
WARM...

lived my life  
with my back  
turned away  
from the past.

But for  
whatever  
reason,

that  
night...

I stayed  
with the man  
who loved  
the person  
I used to be.



MANAGER  
WAS VERY  
APPRECIATIVE.

I'M GLAD  
THAT YOU  
MANAGED TO  
COME ON A LAST  
MINUTE CALL.



AS I THOUGHT,  
IT'S GREAT TO  
HAVE FRIENDS.

JUST  
COMING  
WAS  
ENOUGH.

NO,

IT WAS  
NOTHING.



...you don't  
even understand  
my feelings...





IS  
THAT  
SO?

My,  
my..

He's beautiful

But

he'll never be m ne

He will always belong  
to my past self

I REALLY  
AM GLAD

THAT I WAS  
HIRED TO  
WORK IN THIS  
COMPANY.

地上の陰  
The Shadow on the Ground

氷上慧

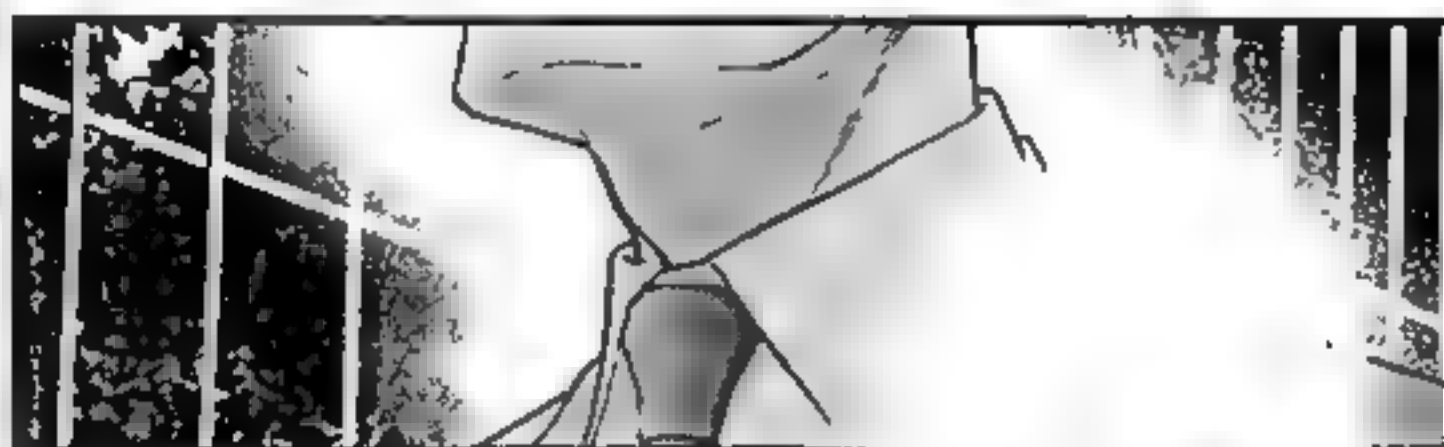


as a beautiful dream  
coming true.

then... that you will  
continue to see this



MINAKAMI-  
KUN?



all the while  
breaking a hole  
into my chest,



with my  
pretending  
right next  
to you.



THE TRUTH  
IS THAT,

KAKUTA...

YOUR  
DEAREST  
TREASURE

WAS A

PLAGIARIZED  
WORK.







YOU ARE...

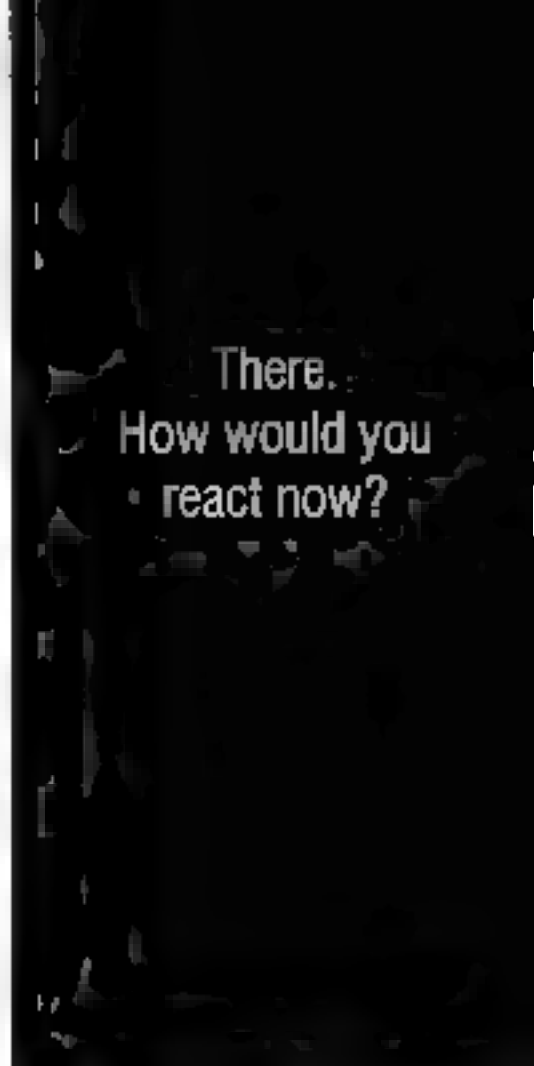


THAT KIND  
OF JOKE IS  
A BIT...



EH...  
WHAT?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?



There.  
How would you  
react now?



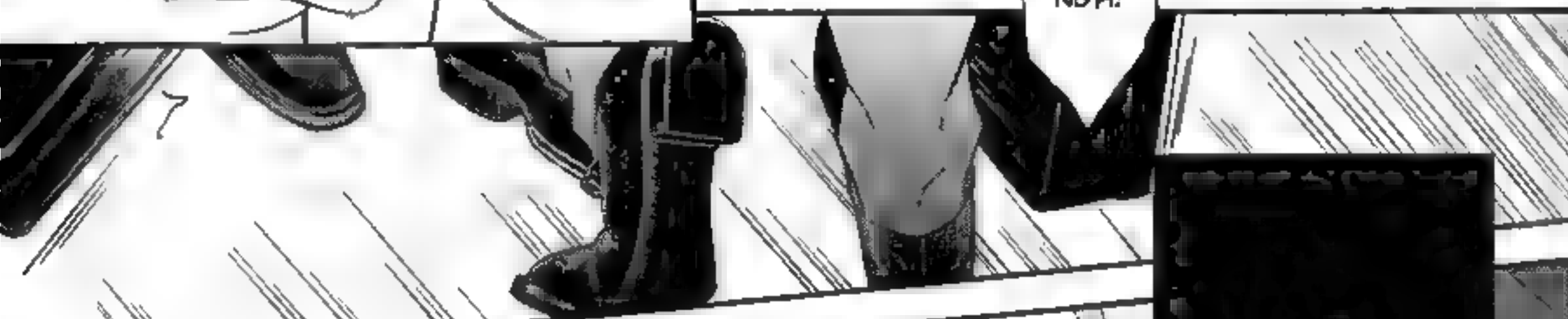
DIDN'T YOU  
HEAR ME?

I sure managed  
to hold it in for  
a long time.

I SAID  
THAT IT WAS  
"PLAGIARIZED".



Instead of  
continuing  
this pointless  
deception,



I'd rather  
be despised.







I JUST  
CONFESSED  
TO MY MOST  
EMBARRAS-  
SING PAST.

YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU  
SHOULD PAY  
ME FOR THAT,  
RIGHT?

AAH!

STOP...

AAH!

shudder

squeeze

jolt

wet

pant

pant

Now,

there's no going  
back from this.

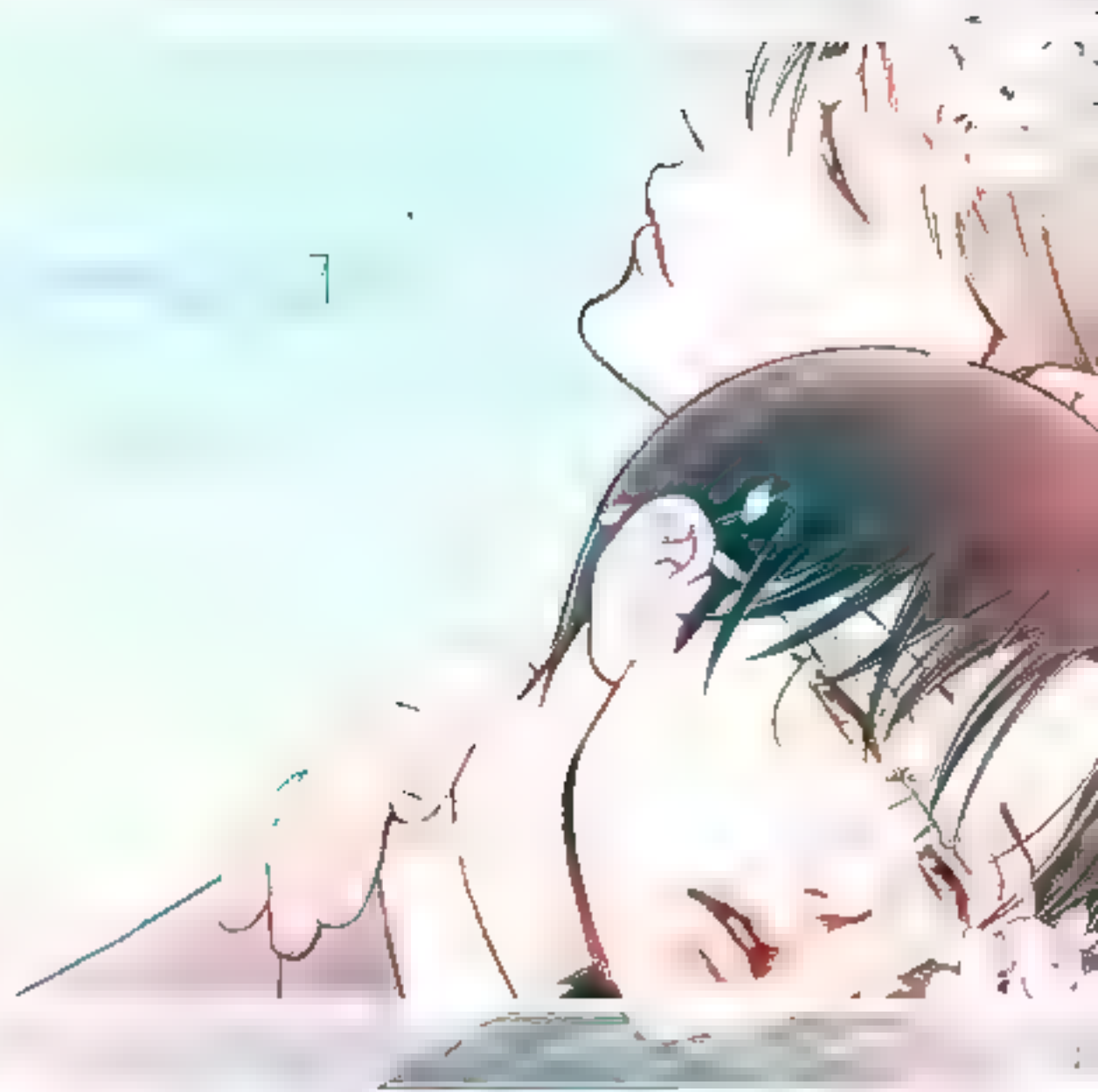


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IT'S A DONE DEAL THEN.

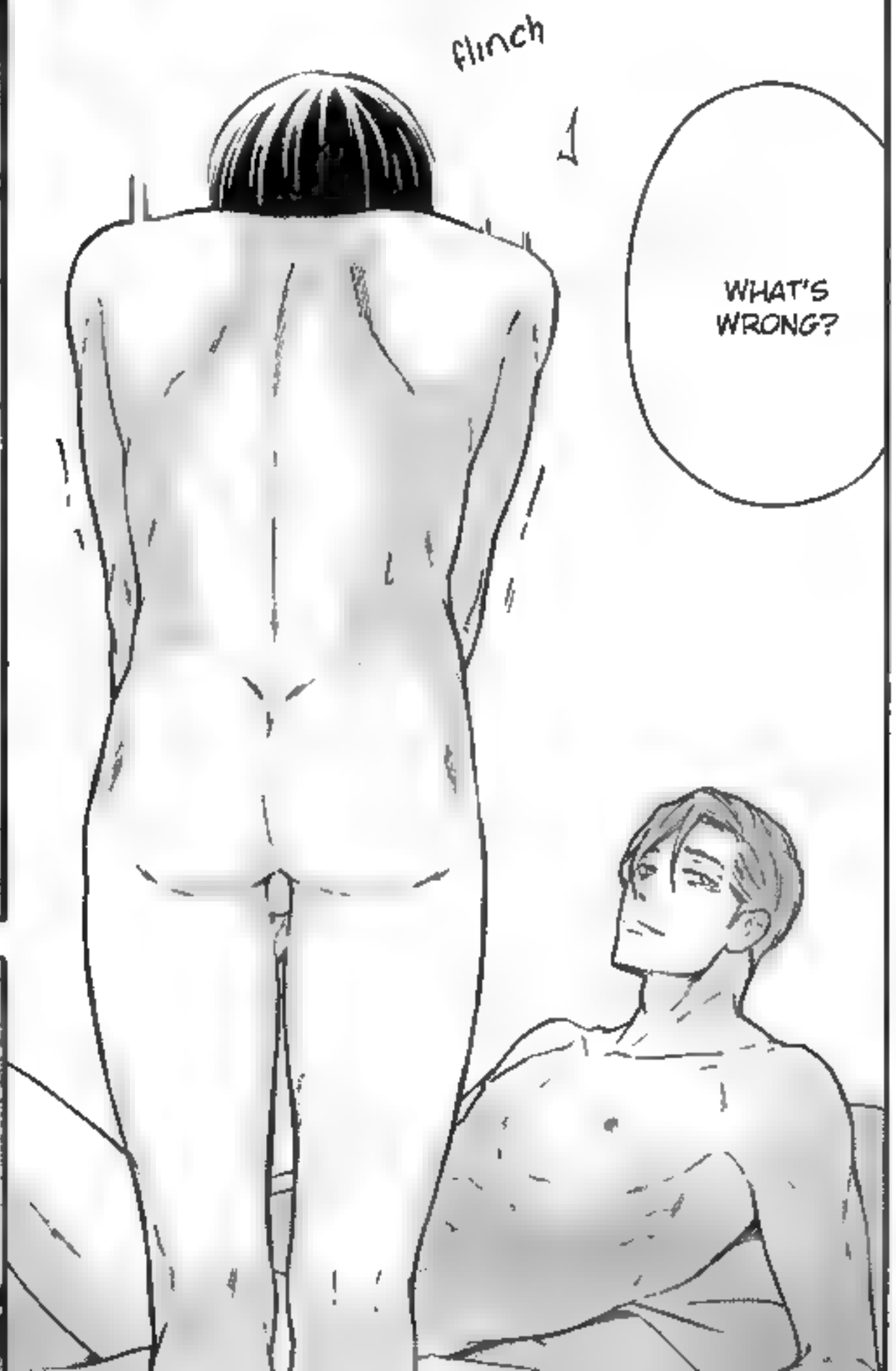


So what if I go about it this way,

WE CAN CARRY ON AT YOUR PLACE, RIGHT?



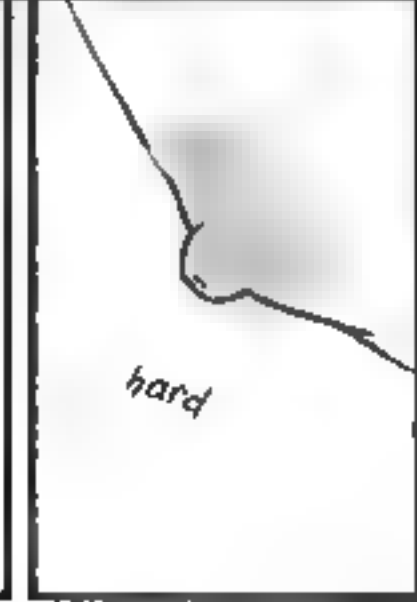
if it means that I can have you...?







DON'T BE  
ABSURD.



hard



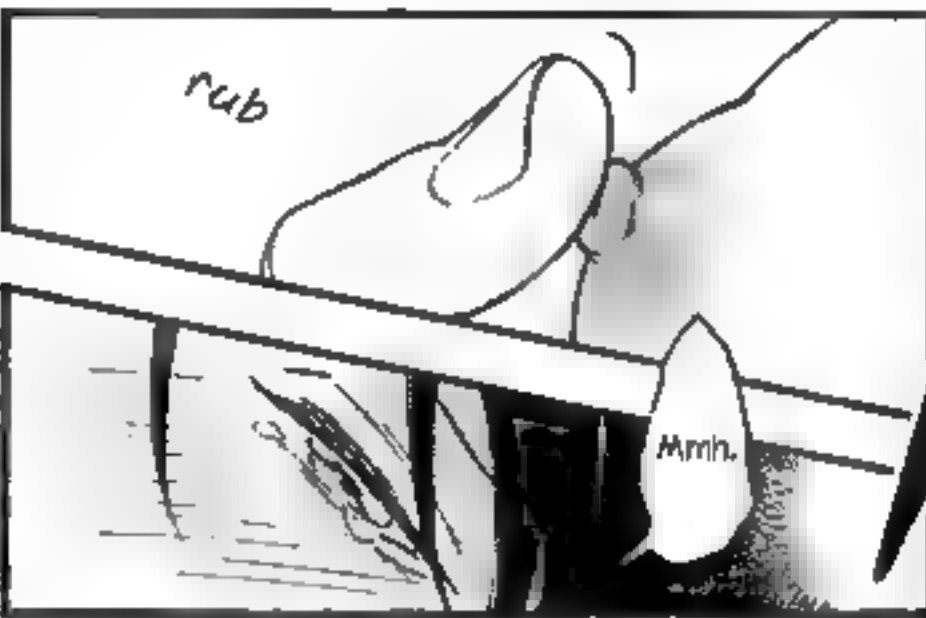
PLE-

PLEASE  
DON'T  
STARE!



HMM...

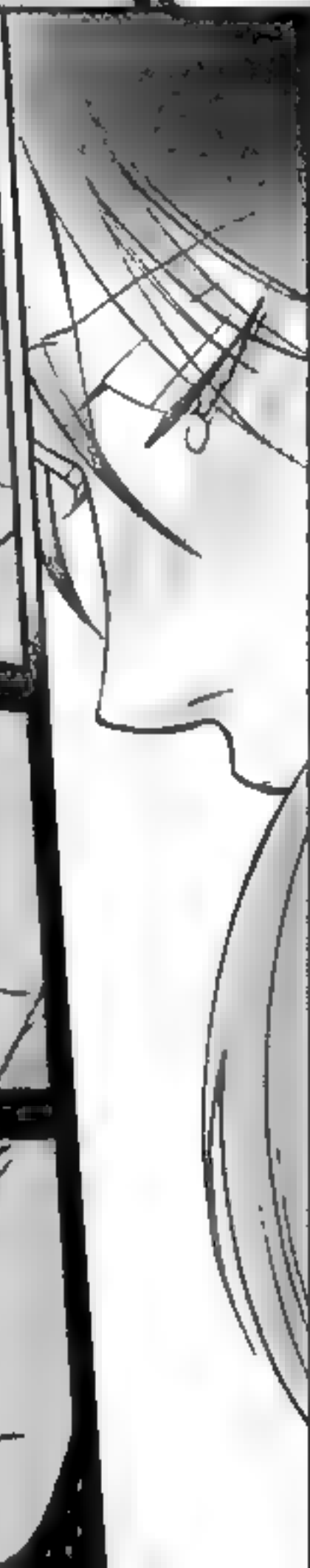
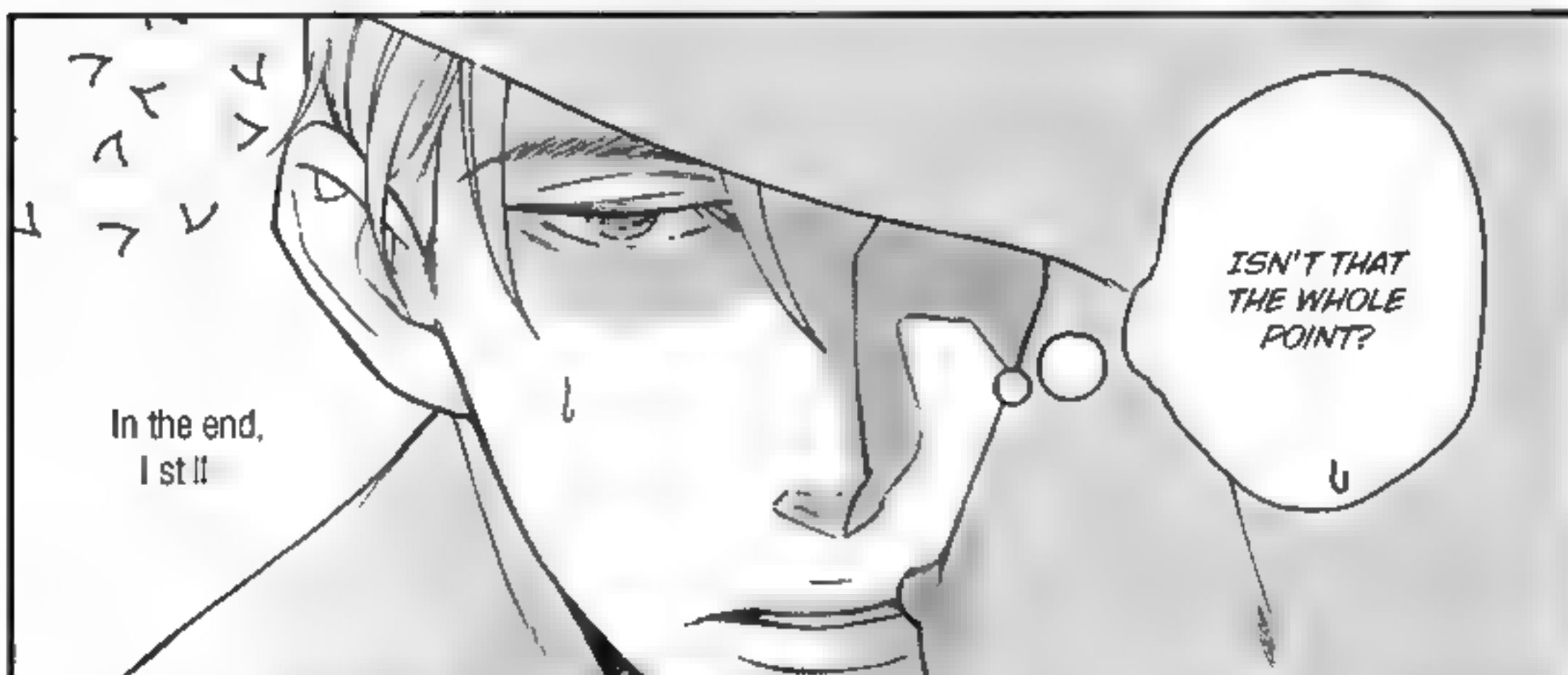
IT'S  
STILL  
SOFT.















PLUS, IT WAS NICE LOOKING AT YOUR SLEEPING FACE.

YOU COOK YOUR OWN MEAL?



HOW COULD I REPAY YOU AFTER NURSING ME UNTIL MORNING...?

headache

headache

fluster  
fluster

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.



I couldn't hold h m.

IT'LL BE READY IN A FEW MINUTES!



DID HE COME FROM A STRICT HOUSEHOLD?

Hmm...

Thanks.

It's a hangover soup.

COOKING MY OWN MEAL AND KEEPING A HEALTHY ROUTINE ARE SOME OF THE CONDITIONS FOR ME TO LIVE ALONE.



AND HE'S PRETTY NEAT.









It (I mean) that  
I could continue to  
have your attention,

I thought that,  
there would be  
no reason to destroy  
your dream



KAKUTA.



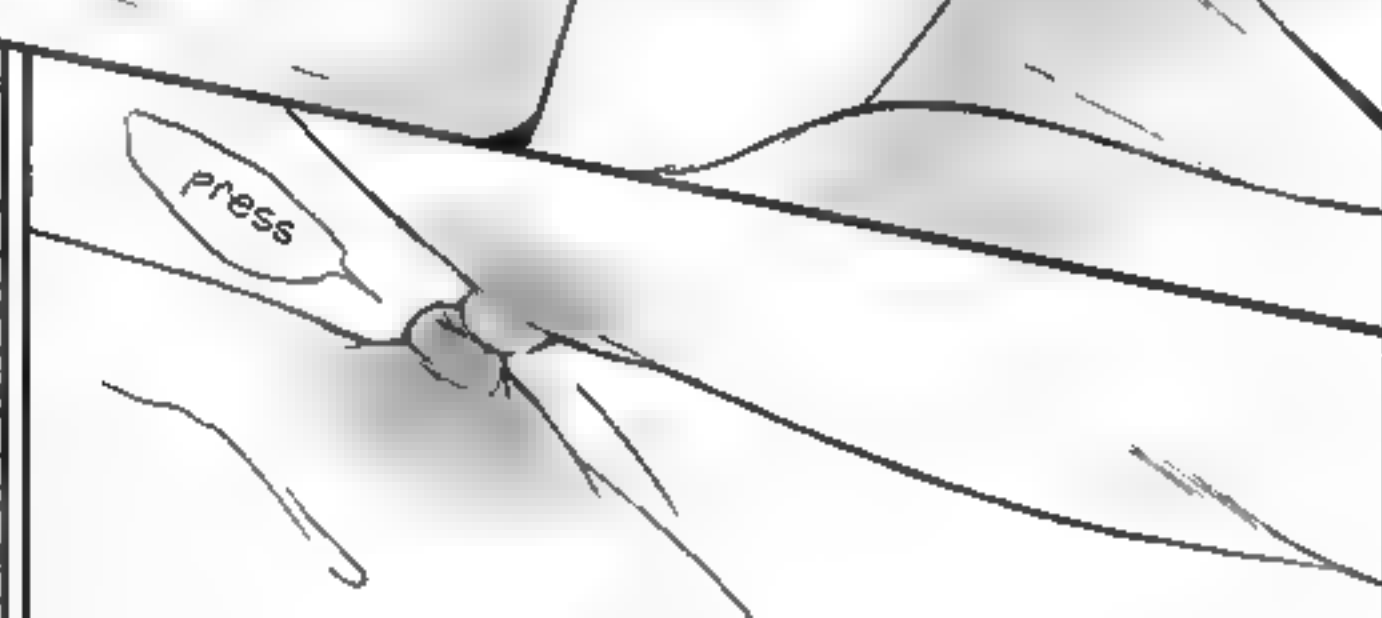
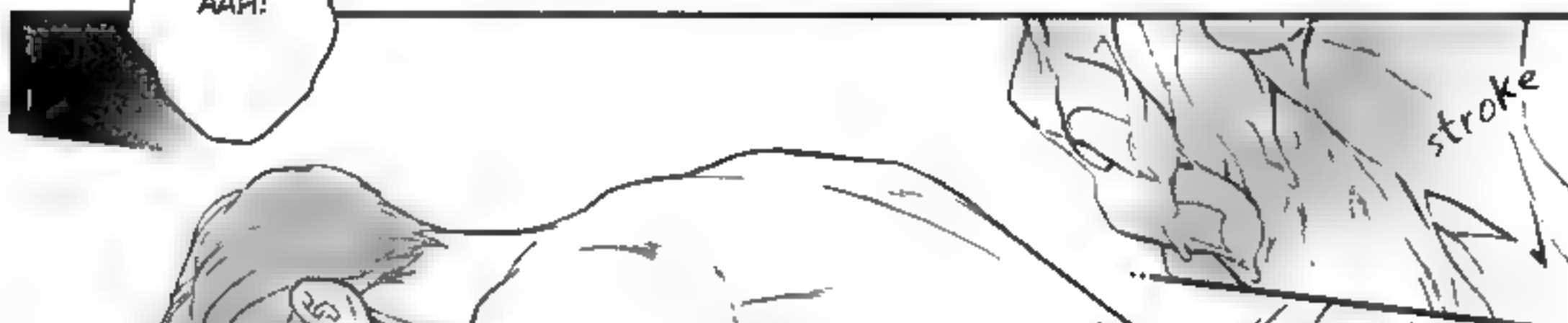
INSTEAD,

LET'S  
HANG  
OUT  
MORE  
FROM  
NOW  
ON,

you are too much  
in love w th my past

The Shadow on the Ground  
地上の影

But,







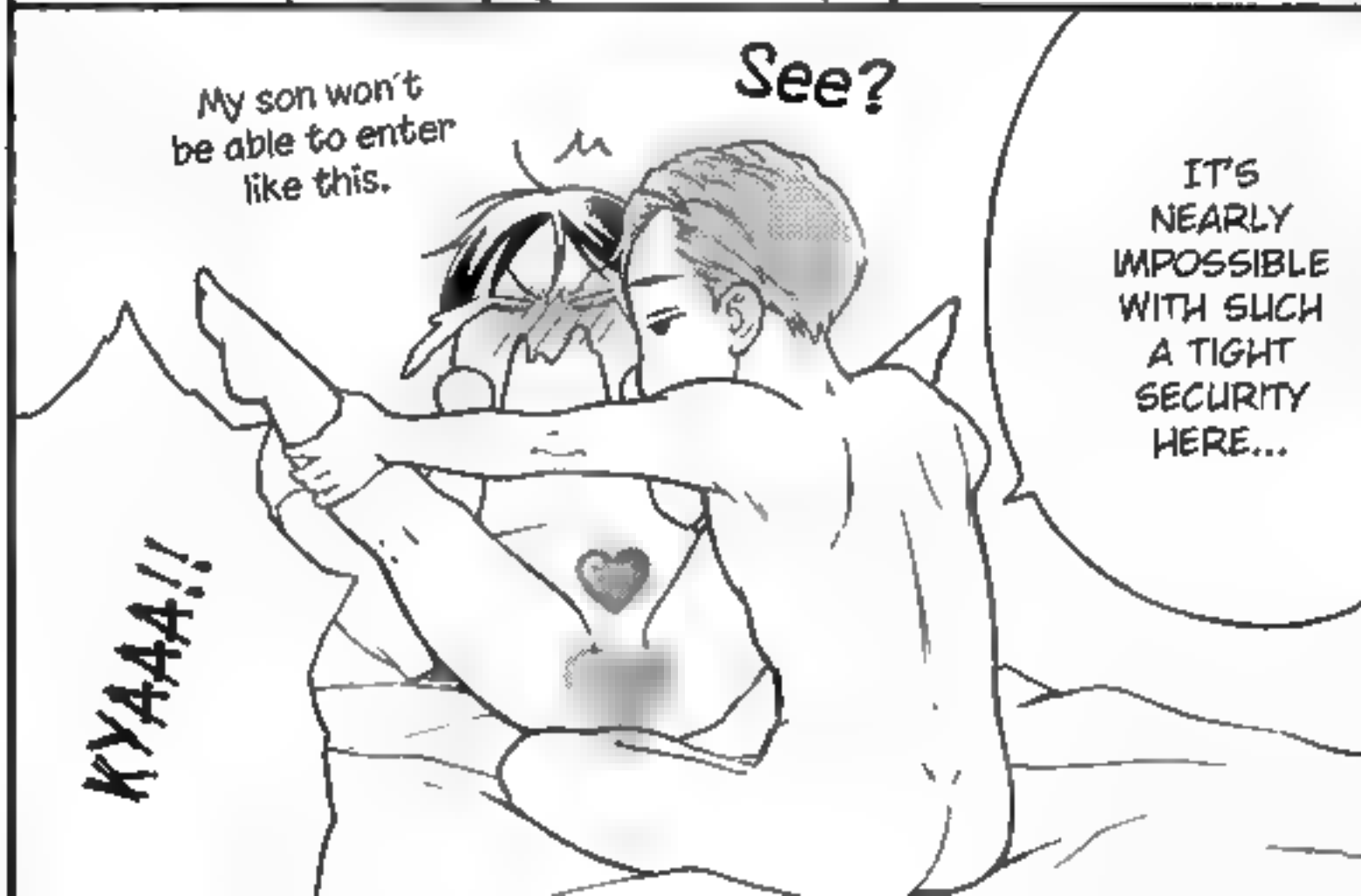
swallow

STOP-  
AH!

AAH!

even if I need  
to ruin your  
memories for it.

I'll rewrite my image  
in your heart.







If I open up now



and show you my  
worthlessness so soon...

won't it all just  
come to an end?



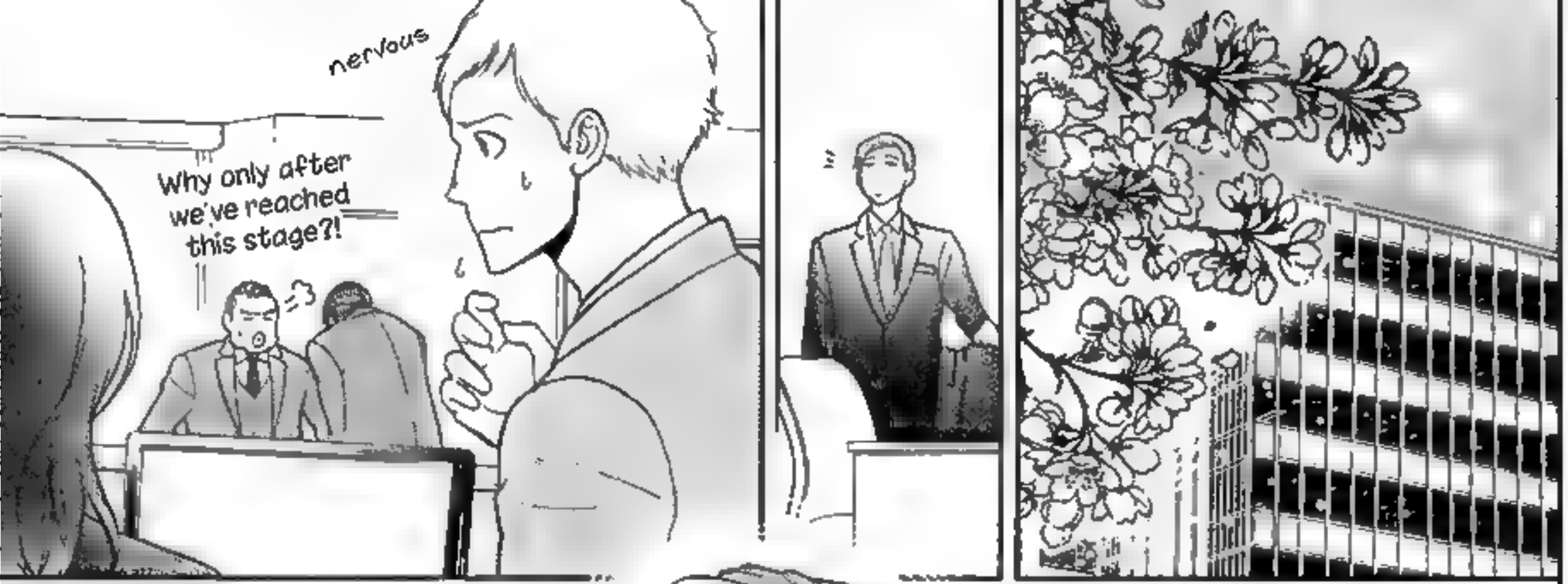
I SHOULD  
GO  
SHOPPING  
WITH  
KAKUTA.

PRE-  
SENT,  
HUH?

It's your mom.  
I hope you remember your promise.  
Have you thought of what present  
you'll send your brother?  
As someone with eyes...

Shit...

I completely forgot











KAKUTA-SAN,  
ARE YOU  
MAKING THE  
ROUNDS  
TODAY?

Oh my,  
how rare.

GOOD  
MORNING,  
I'M COMING  
FROM THE  
GENERAL  
AFFAIRS  
DEPART-  
MENT.

I BROUGHT  
TODAY'S  
COMPANY  
NEWSLETTER  
AND THE MAILS  
DIRECTED TO  
THE SALES  
DEPARTMENT.



inhale



PLEASE LET  
ME KNOW IF  
ANYTHING  
ELSE  
COMES UP.

Thank you!

ANYWAY,  
THANKS SO  
MUCH FOR  
GETTING THE  
MANAGEMENT  
TO SORT OUT  
THE REPAIRS  
OF THE  
MEETING  
ROOM.

Take some  
sweets  
with you.

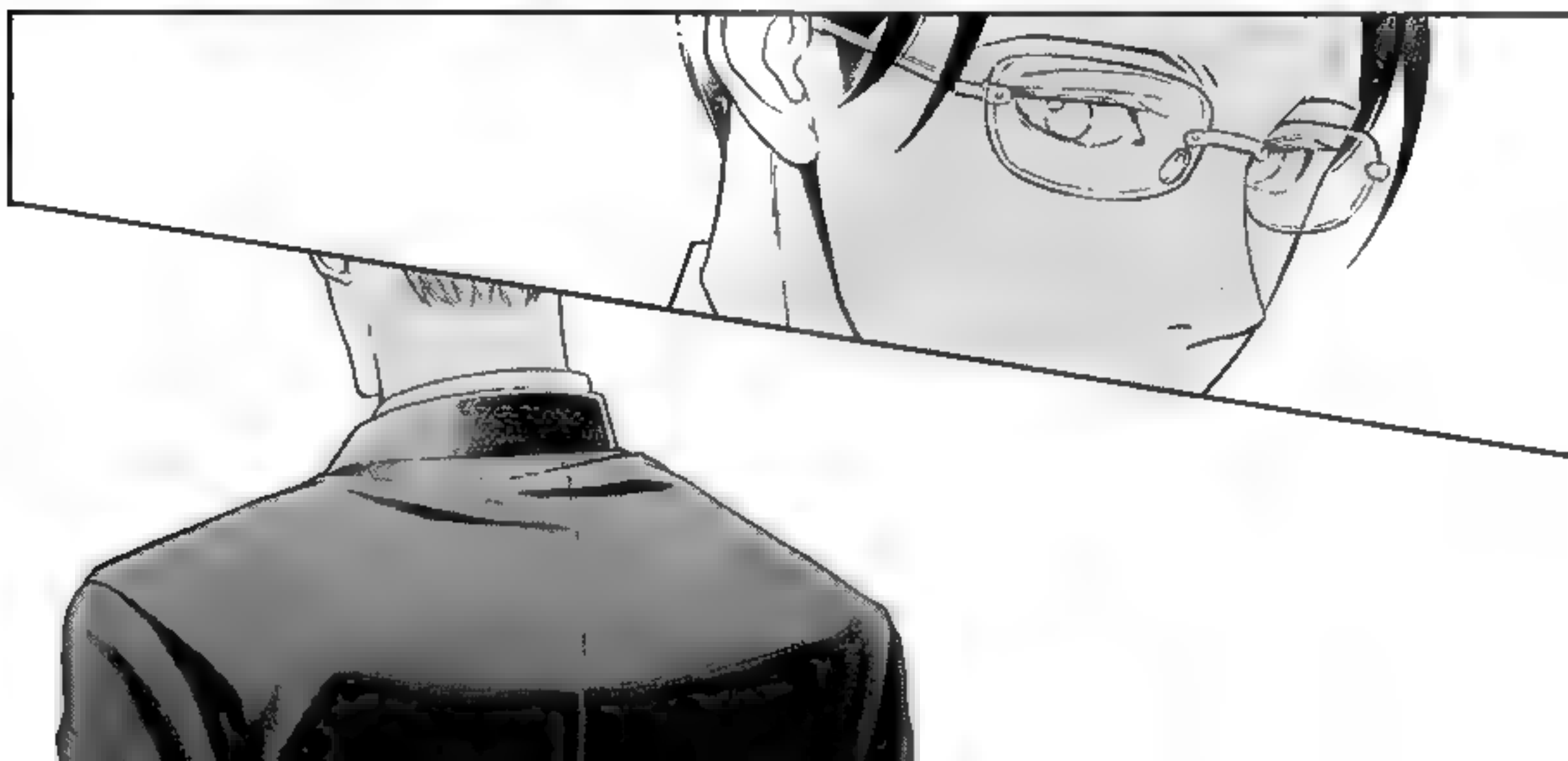


HER  
SON WAS  
INJURED.

YES.

IS HARA-  
SAN OFF?

HOPE  
IT'S NOT  
SERIOUS.





STILL  
ACTING  
LIKE THIS  
BECAUSE  
HIS JUNIOR  
IS BETTER  
AT HIS  
JOB...

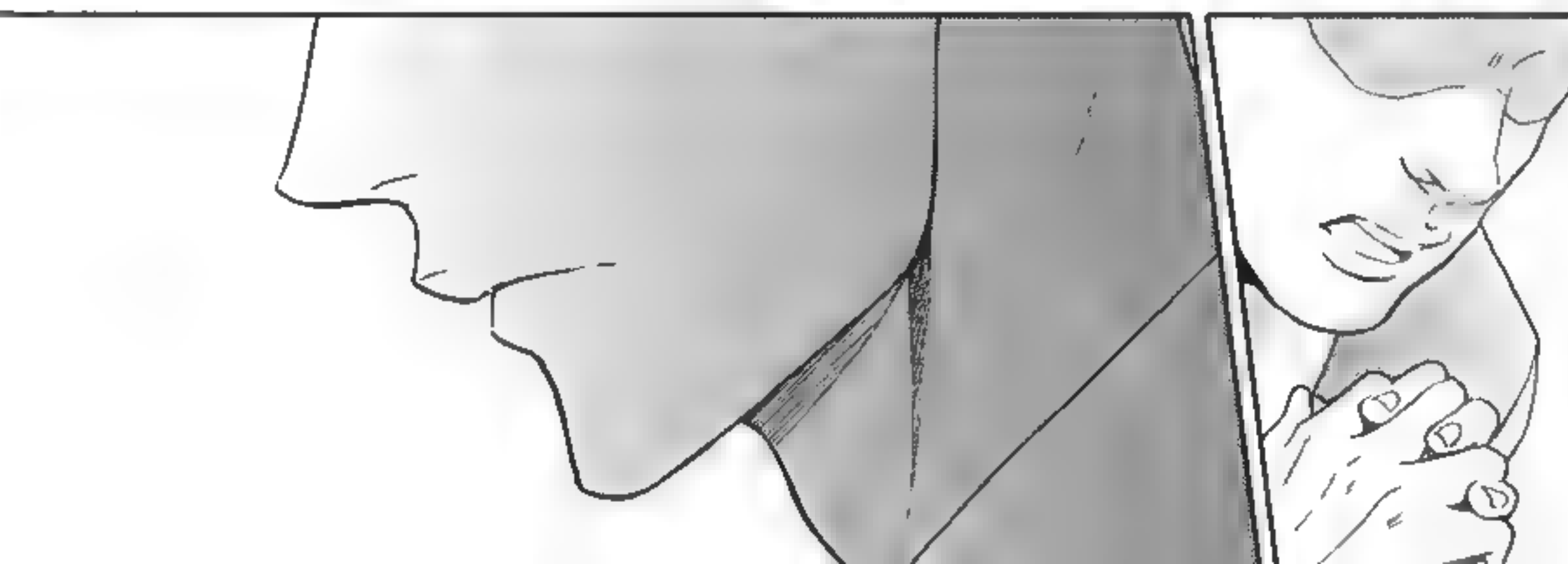
THE TEAM  
LEADER...  
HE IS A GOOD  
PERSON, BUT  
SOMETIMES...  
HE GETS VERY  
EMOTIONAL OVER  
MATTERS INVOLVING  
MINAKAMI-SAN.

PROBABLY  
BECAUSE  
BEFORE  
HE WAS  
BESTED BY  
MINAKAMI-SAN,  
HE WAS THE  
SALES' TOP  
ACHIEVER.



OH,

KAKUTA-SAN  
AND MINAKAMI-  
SAN JOINED  
THE COMPANY  
AT THE SAME  
TIME, RIGHT?



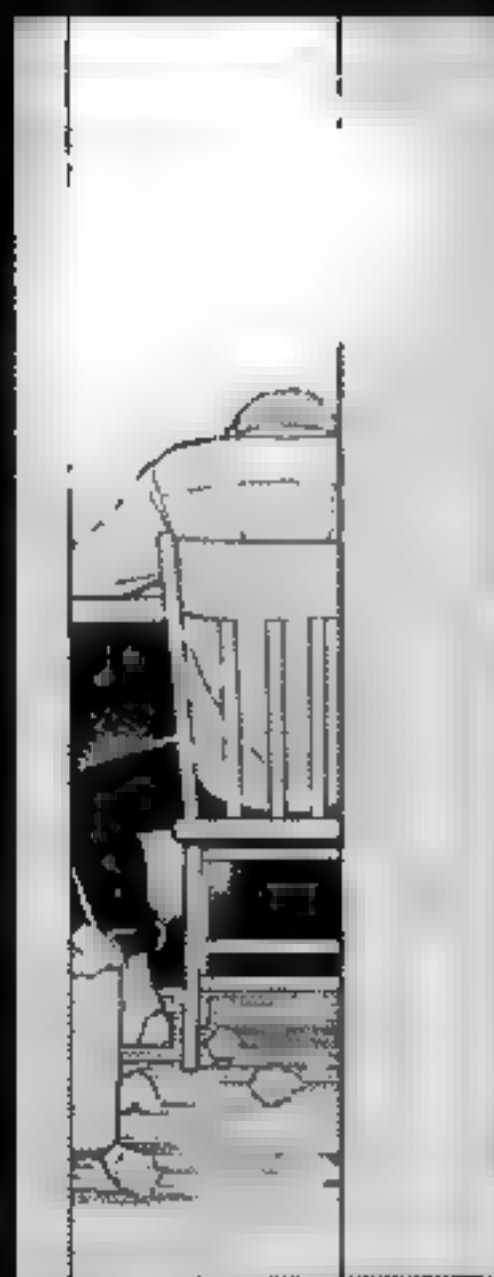


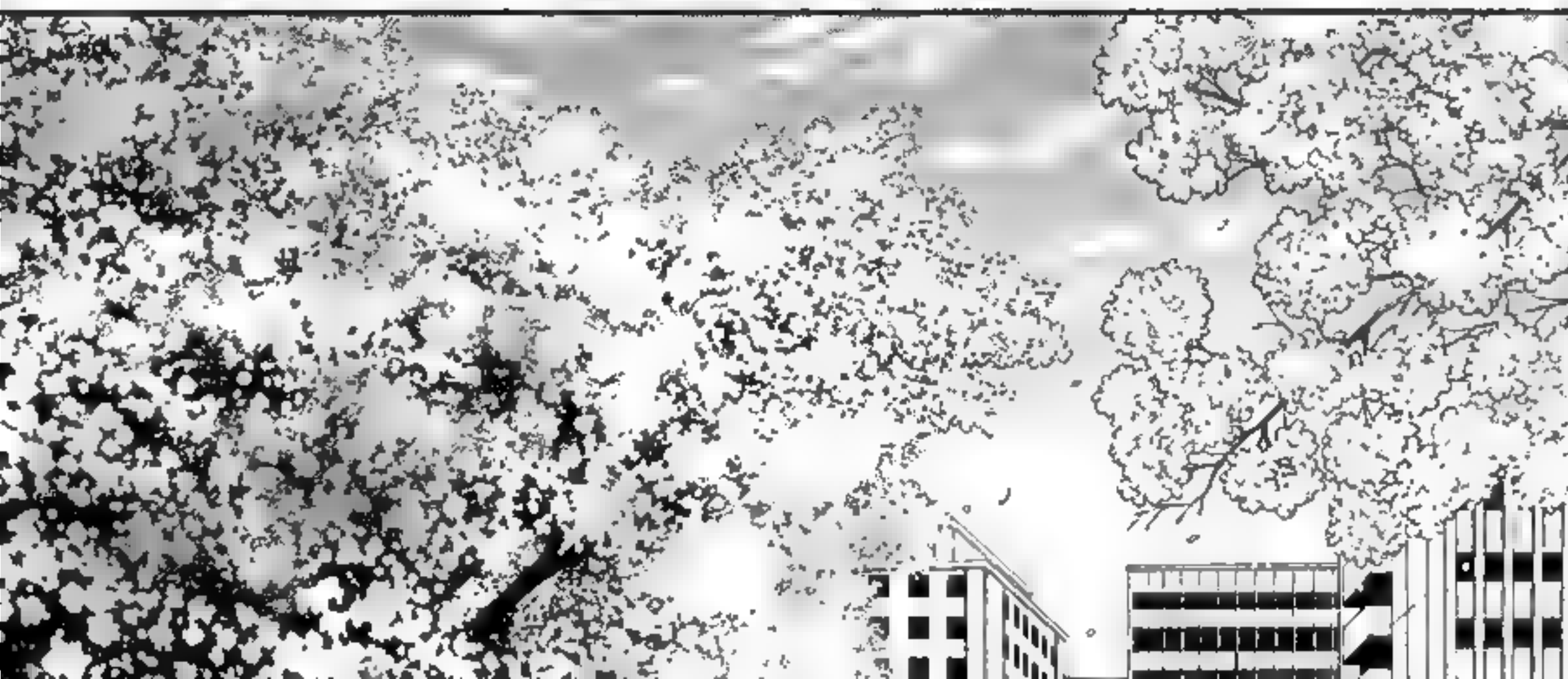


It's not like

I can't understand

that feeling.

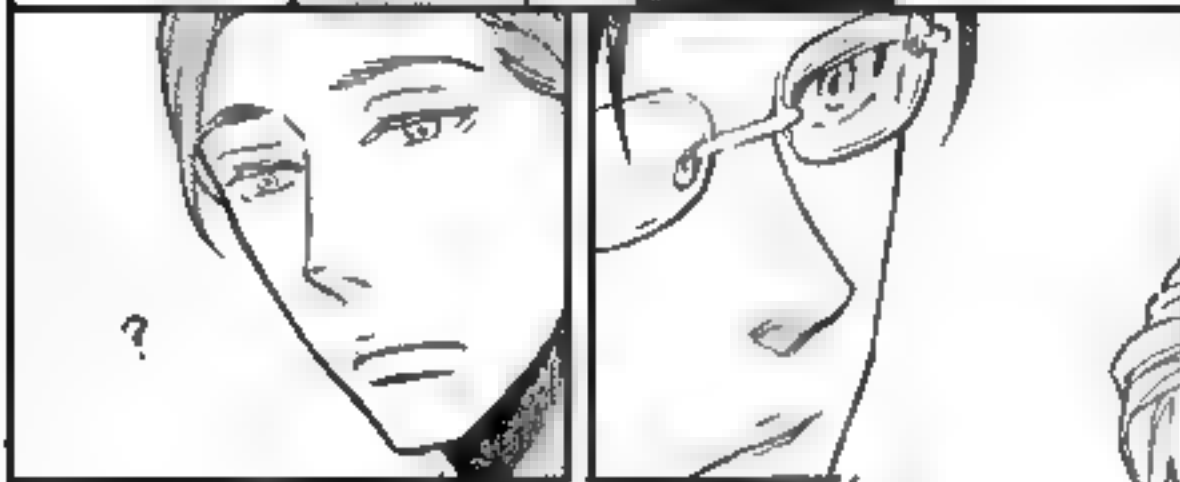






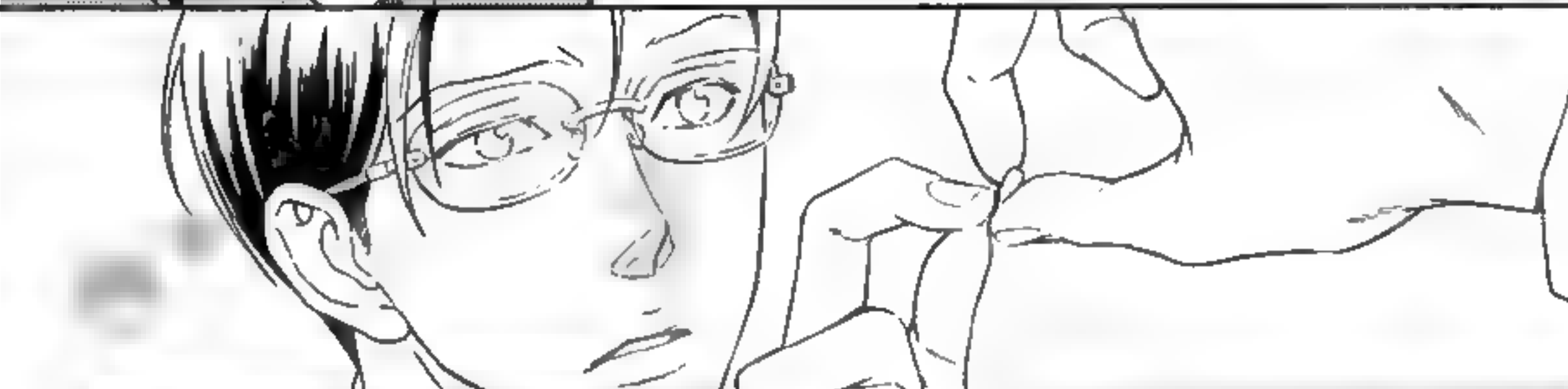






T/N: Hanami = Spring tradition of flower blossom viewing.









WE SHOULD  
GET IT OVER  
AND DONE  
WITH, RIGHT?



MAKE  
SURE YOU  
DON'T  
LET YOUR  
BODY GETS  
TOO COLD.



LET'S MEET  
EACH OTHER  
...ONCE WE  
ARE BOTH  
DONE WITH  
WORK.

LE-

turn

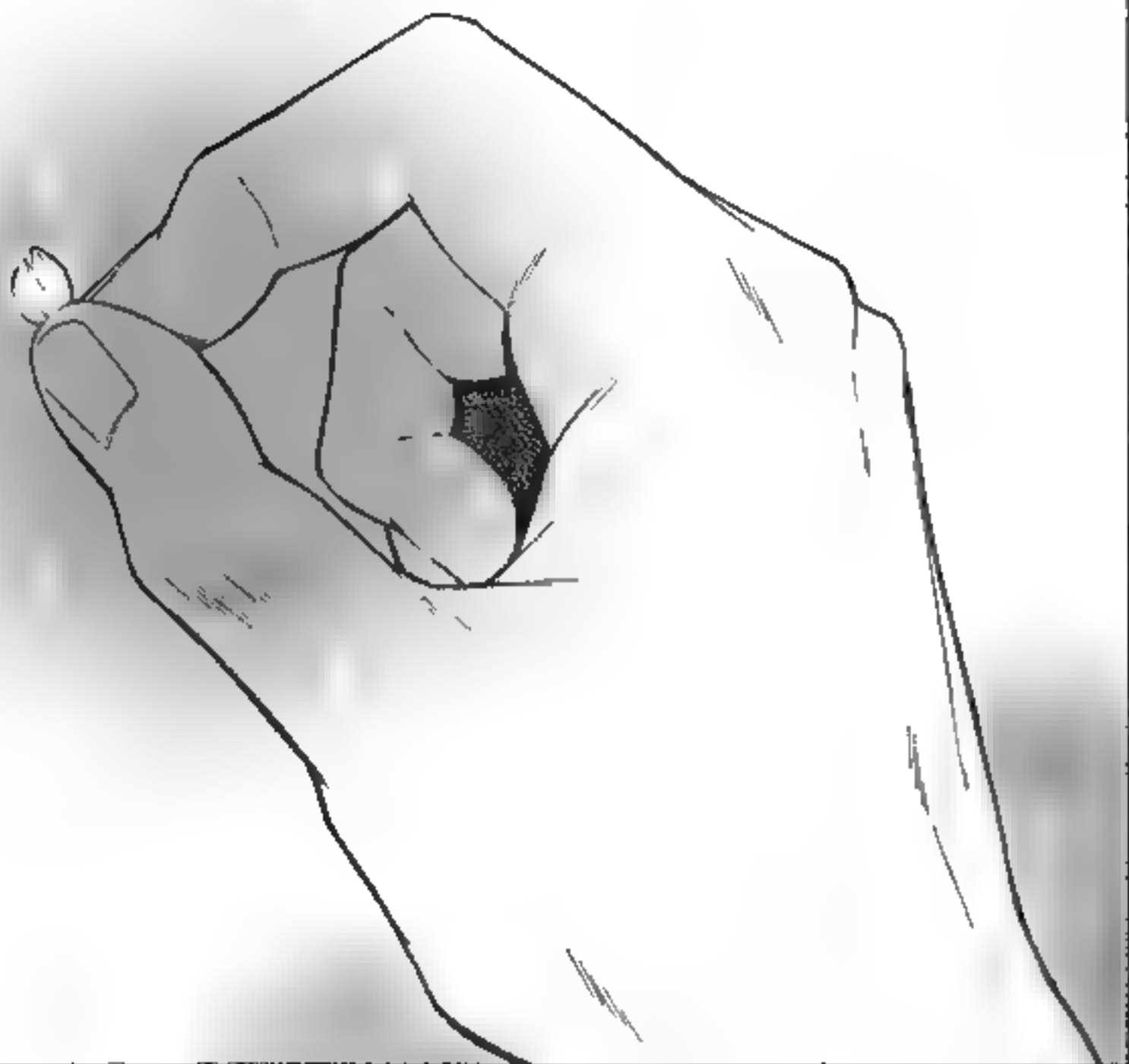
ANYWAY,  
PLEASE TAKE  
CARE OF  
YOURSELF!



nod

What  
should  
I do...

to bind you  
to me?



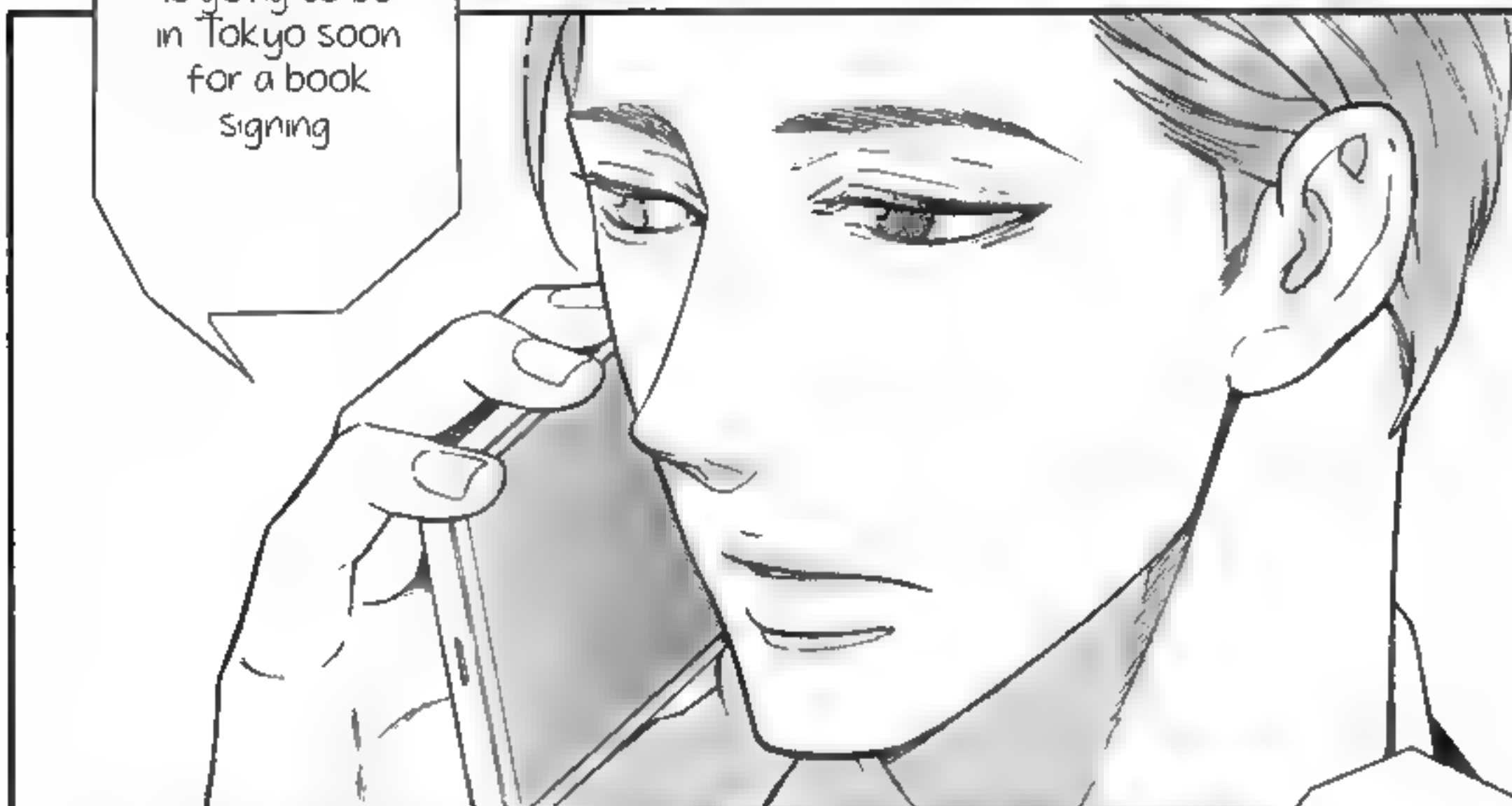


WHY?

can you  
please get it  
ready soon?

About  
that,

Your brother  
is going to be  
in Tokyo soon  
for a book  
signing



The long-awaited  
new book:  
Gazing in the  
Spring-Time  
Shore  
by Shuichi Kuse.

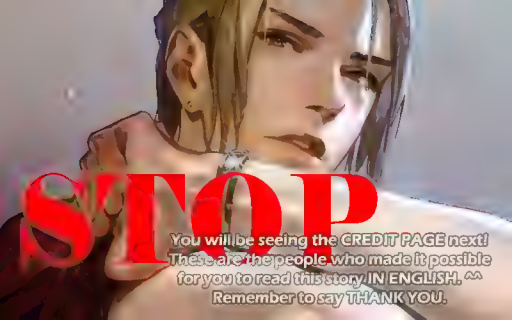


You should  
take this  
chance to  
give it to  
him directly.

Your  
brother  
was even  
saying that  
he'd like to  
see you.

突本  
光行

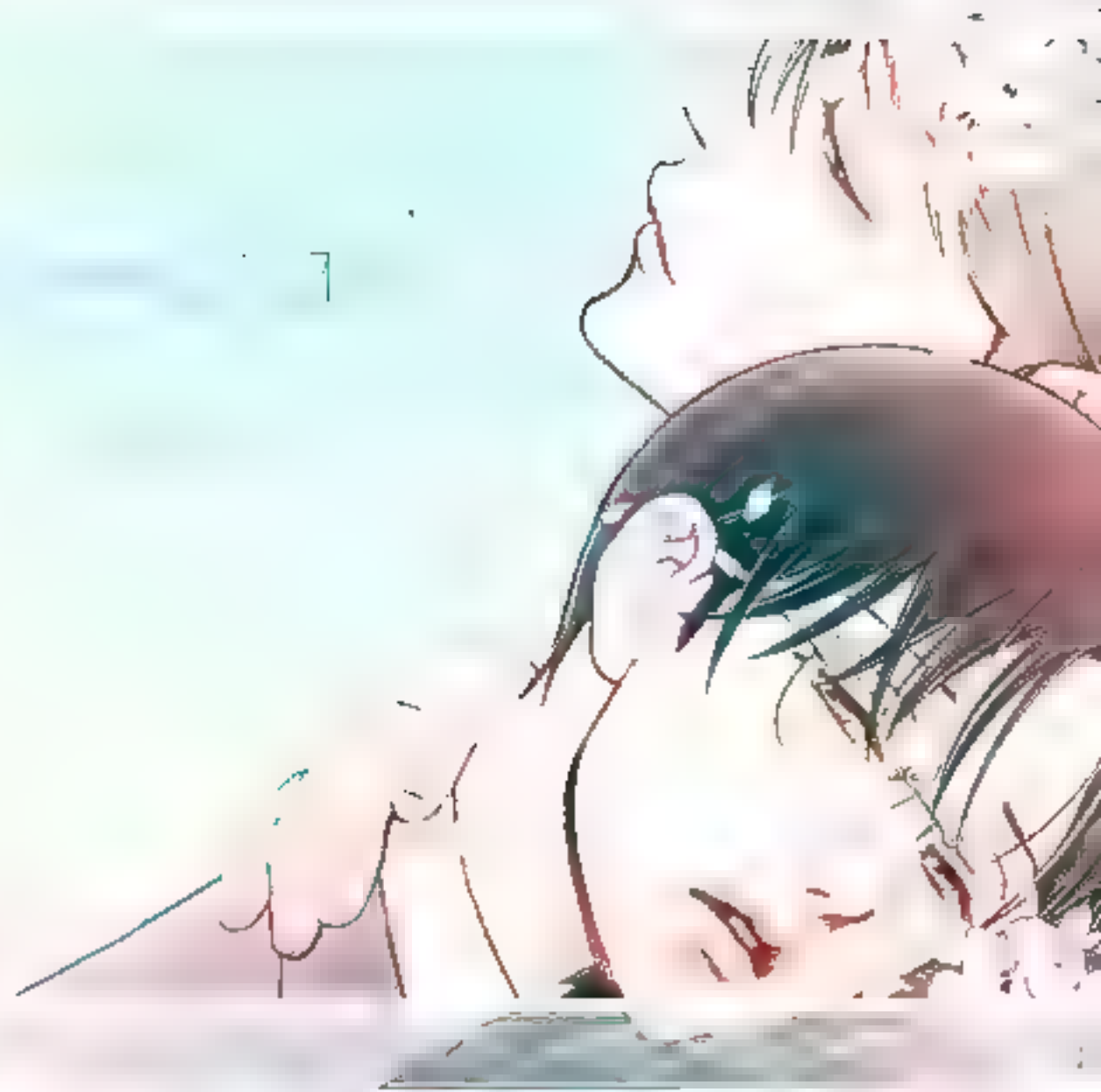




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久世修一新刊

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元目

The long-awaited  
book:  
azing in the  
ring-Time  
Shore  
uichi Kuse.

there wasn't  
a chance  
for you two  
to meet.

Because  
your brother  
didn't host  
a wedding,

And Eisuke,  
you haven't  
returned home  
all these years  
since you left  
for university.

It'll do some  
good if you  
two brothers  
spend  
some time  
re-bonding





It's not a lie.

Eh, but  
you don't  
work on  
Saturdays,  
do you-

BYE.

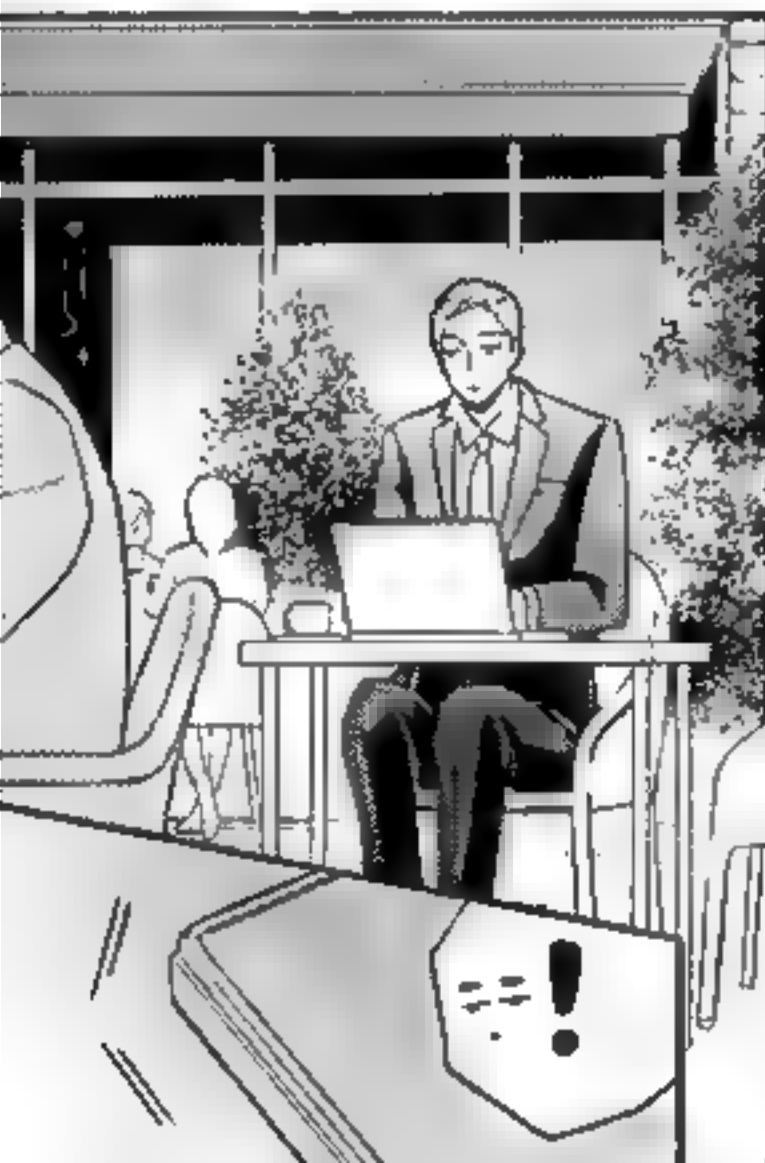
beep

I'LL STILL  
MAKE SURE  
TO SEND  
THE GIFT...

I CAN  
JUST BUY  
SOMETHING  
WHEN I TAKE  
KAKUTA OUT.

I DON'T  
THINK THAT  
I WILL BE  
ABLE TO  
MAKE THE  
TIME FOR  
THAT.

SORRY...  
SINCE  
IT'S THE  
START  
OF THE  
YEAR,  
WE ARE  
VERY  
BUSY.



KKT

I am  
quite busy.









THANK  
YOU.

LET'S  
TAKE A  
BREAK.

WEREN'T  
YOU WORKING  
THIS WHOLE  
TIME?



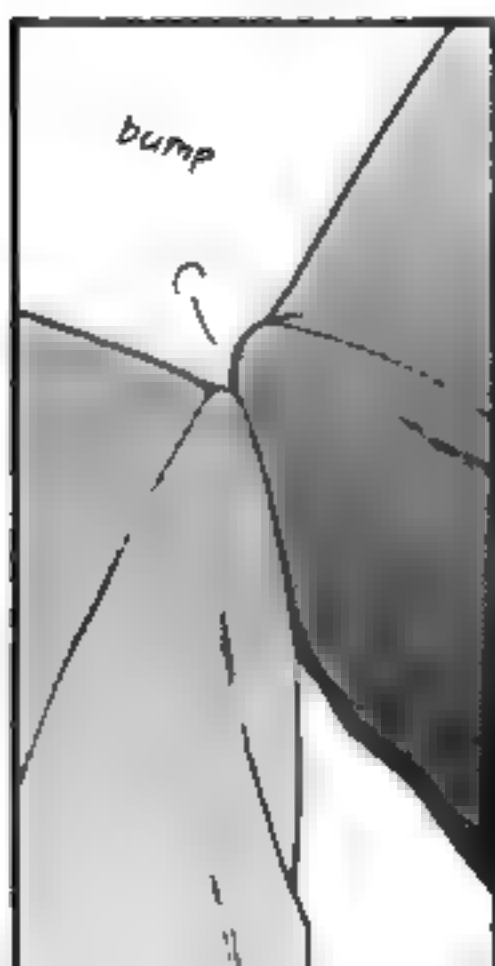
IS  
THERE  
SOME-  
THING?



I WAS  
WONDERING  
IF YOU WERE  
DISGUSTED  
AFTER BEING  
TOYED AROUND  
BY A MAN.

AL-  
THOUGH  
IT WAS  
PART  
OF OUR  
AGREE-  
MENT,

YESTER-  
DAY...



bump



BUT IT  
DOESN'T  
CHANGE  
THE FACT  
THAT WE  
ARE STILL  
FRIENDS.



I WAS  
SURPRISED...



Even though  
I said that  
I didn't mind  
being hated.

WHAT  
A VIEW.



In the end

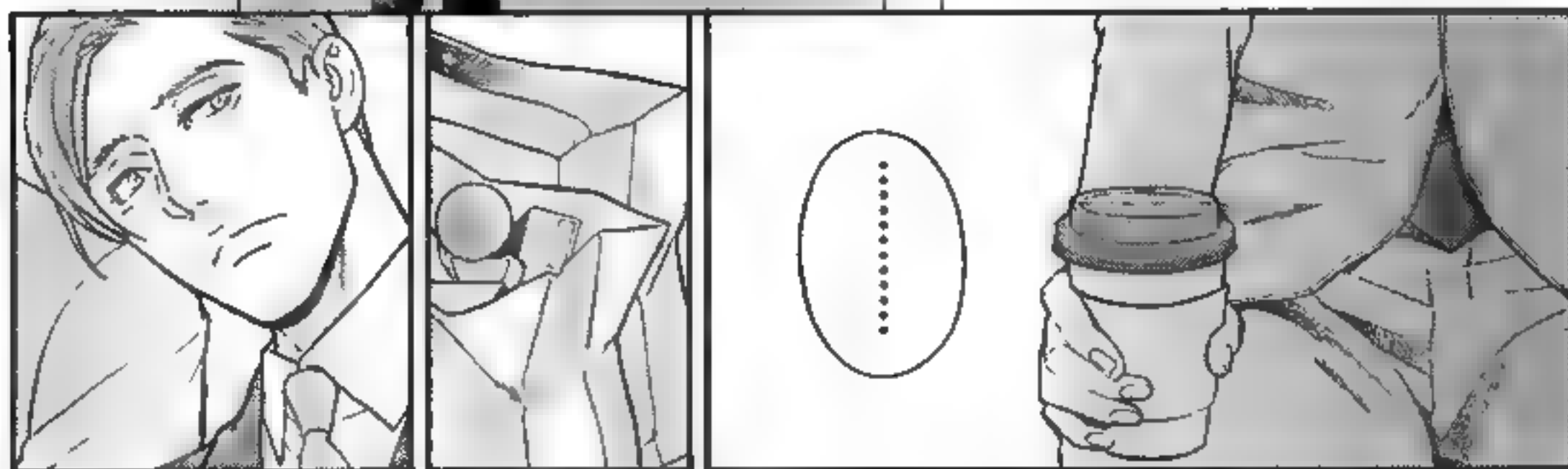
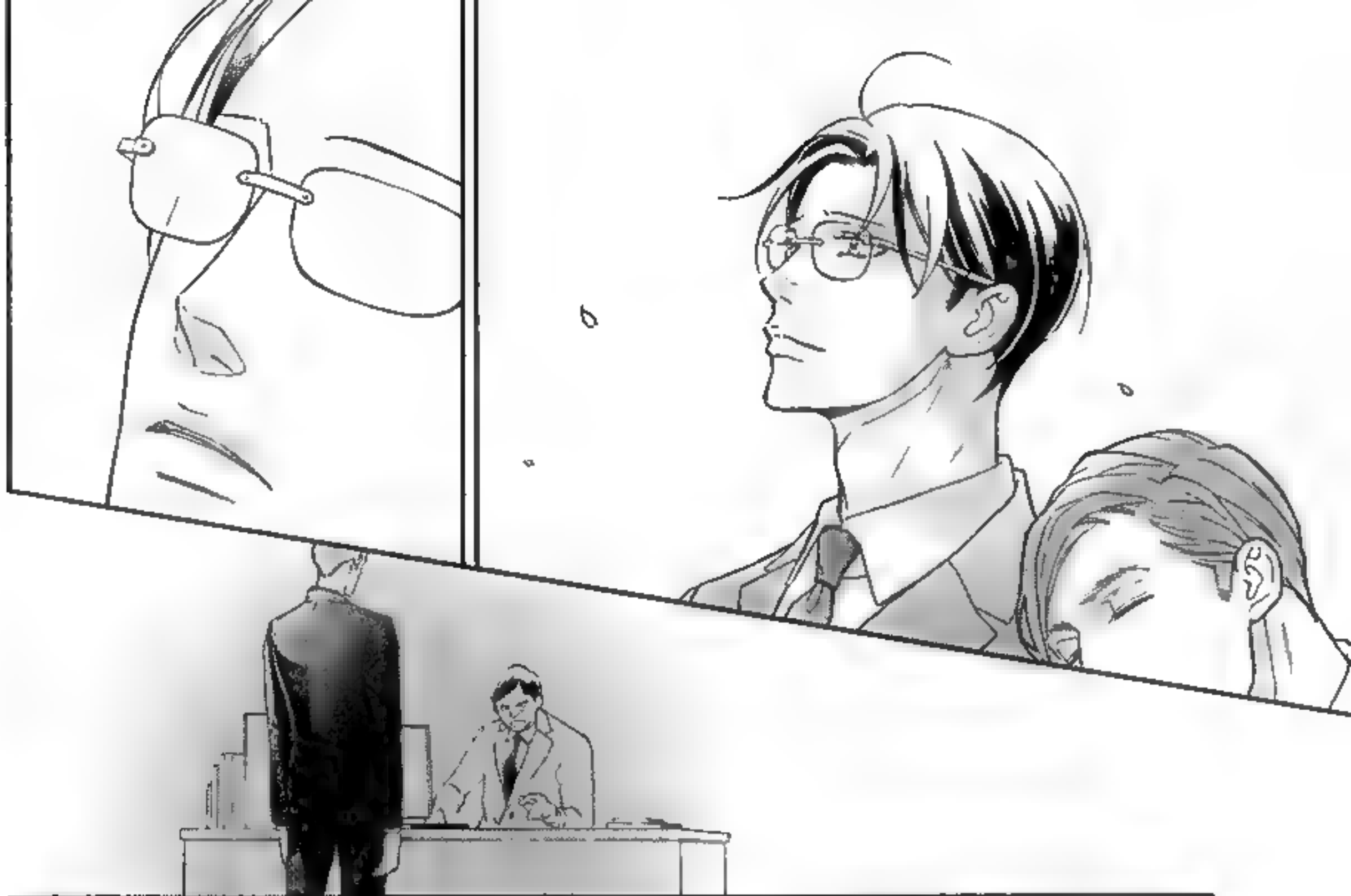
I wanted to hold on  
to Kakuta's kindness

I DEFINITELY  
WAS.

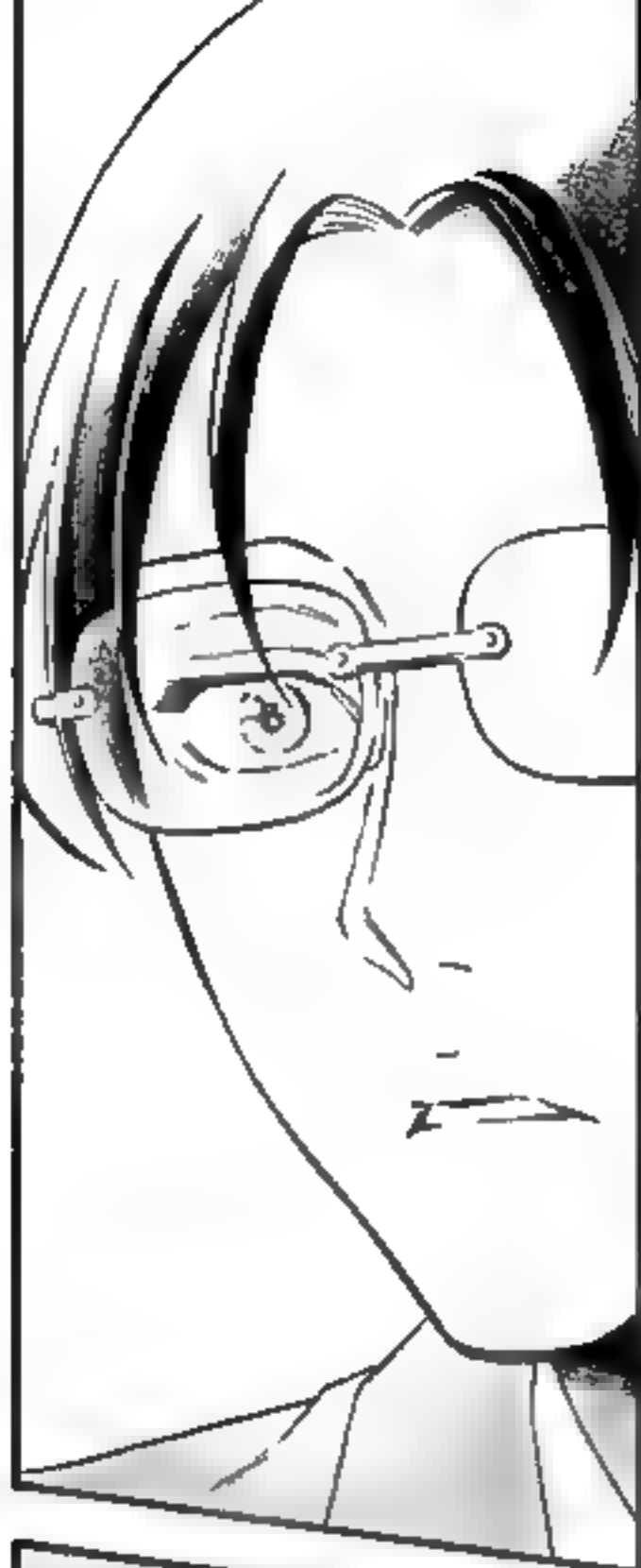
ON MY  
ABILITY  
TO SECURE  
A GOOD  
SPOT?

WEREN'T  
YOU  
THE ONE  
LOOKING  
DOWN









IS  
MY OLDER  
BROTHER.



THIS  
GUY



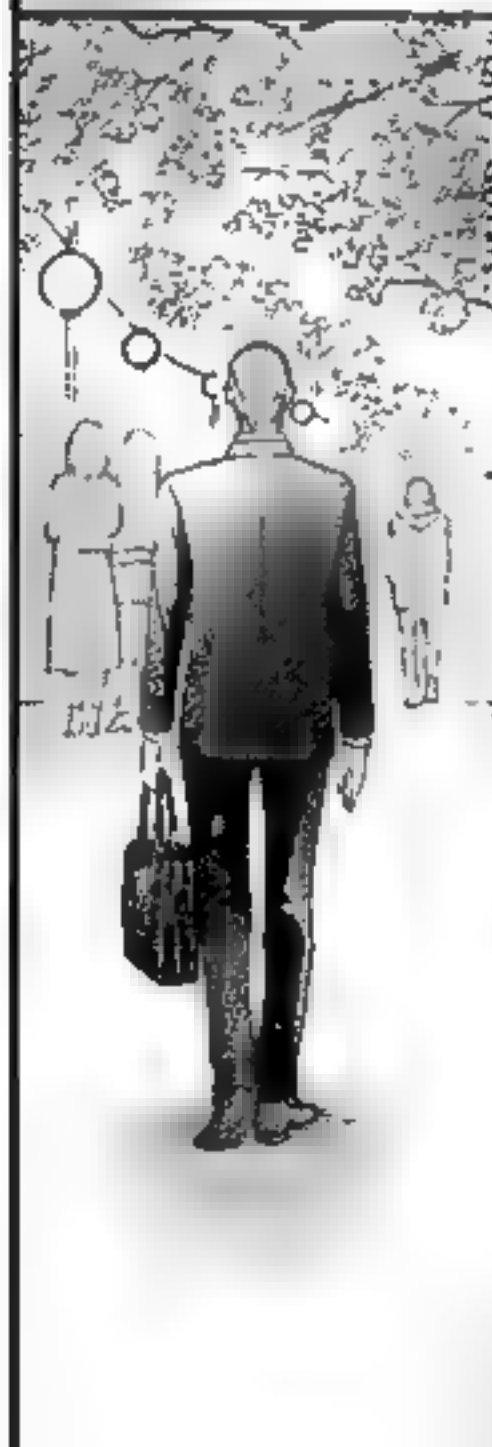
IT'S  
ABOUT  
TIME  
I HEAD  
BACK.



HAAA?!



WHA-  
WHAT?!



will probab y  
never change.



My selfishness



NOW YOU  
HAVE MORE  
SECRETS TO  
UNCOVER,  
RIGHT?









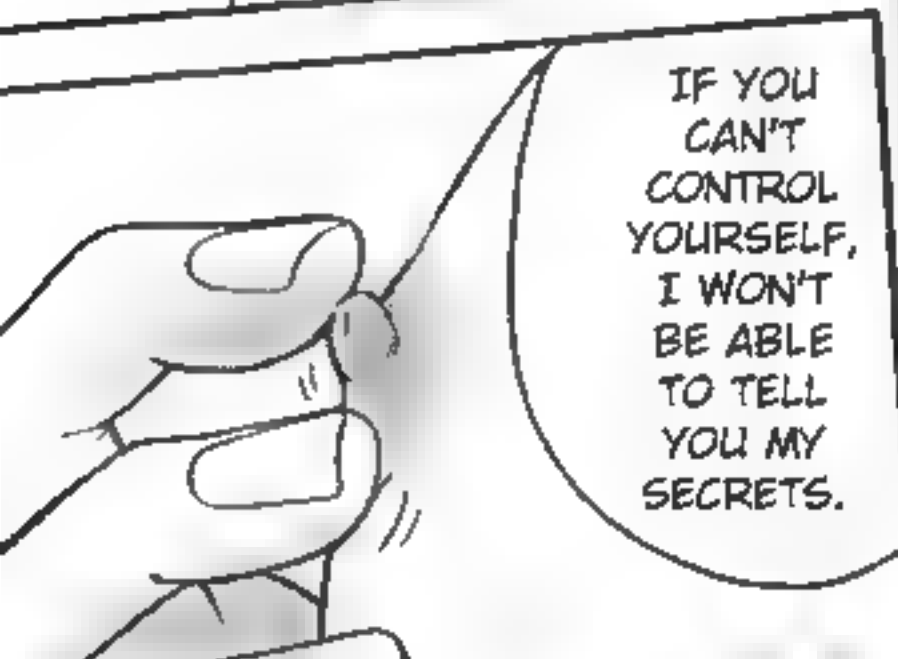
AH...



IF YOU  
PUT IT IN...



I'LL  
ONLY  
USE ONE  
FINGER  
TODAY...



IF YOU  
CAN'T  
CONTROL  
YOURSELF,  
I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO TELL  
YOU MY  
SECRETS.



...!

rub

HMM...

YOU'RE HOT  
RIGHT HERE...



shudder


IT'S FINE  
IF I GO ON,  
RIGHT?

I PROMISE  
TO MAKE  
YOU FEEL  
GOOD...

thrust







IF YOU SOAK FOR  
A LONG TIME AND  
RELAX YOUR BODY,  
I'LL BE ABLE TO  
GET INSIDE EASILY.

LIKE  
HELL  
I'D DO  
THAT.

AREN'T  
YOU  
DYING  
TO FIND  
OUT?



NEXT TIME,  
SHOULD WE  
JUST GO  
TO A LOVE  
HOTEL?

sigh

TWO MEN IN  
A TUB SURE  
IS A TIGHT  
SQUEEZE.

I can  
feel it!



BEFORE  
YOU TELL  
ME ABOUT  
YOUR  
PLAGIARISM  
AND YOUR  
BROTHER,

MINA-  
KAMI-  
KUN,

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
THAT I WANT  
TO ASK.



THAT WAS  
CLEARLY  
AN ABUS...

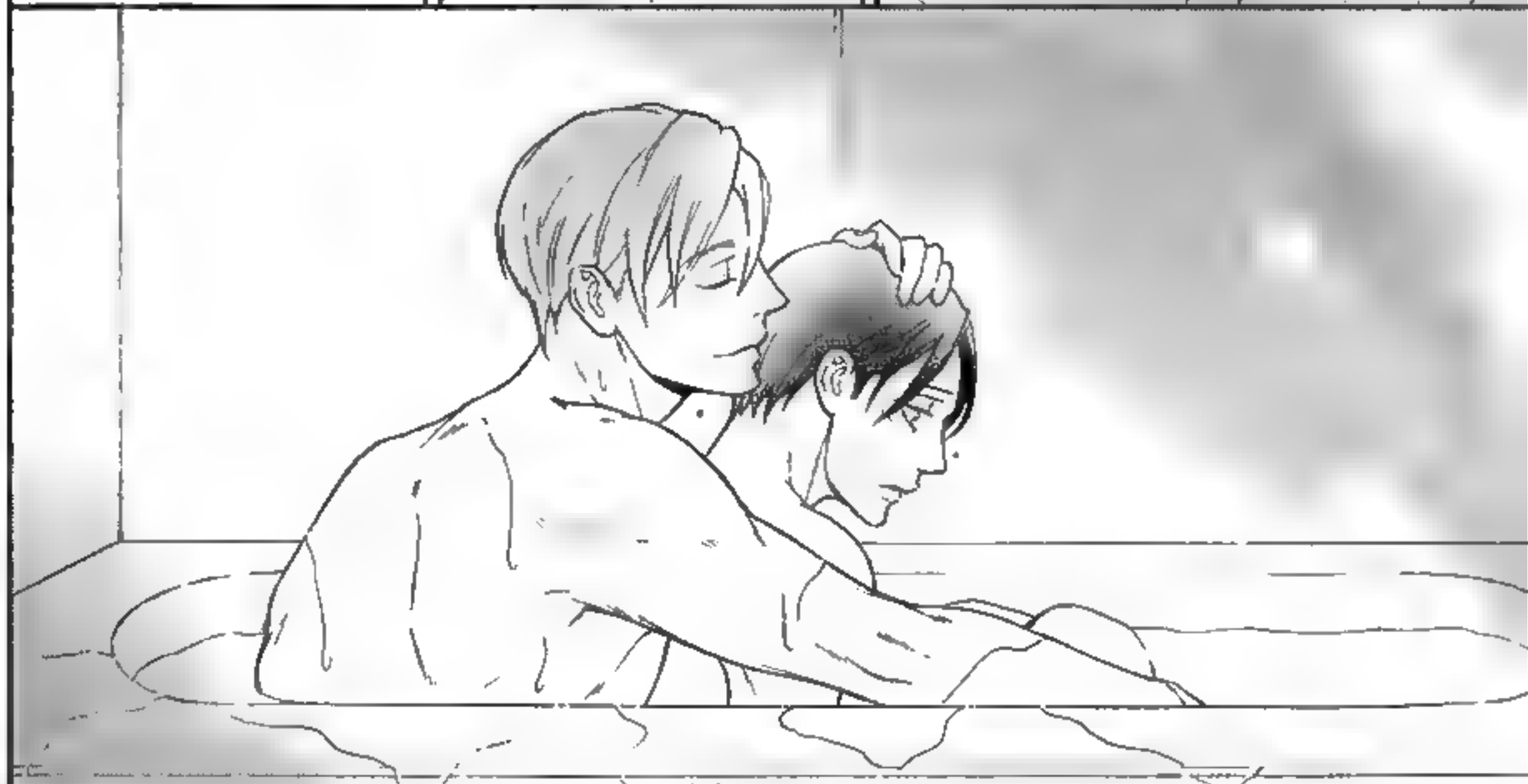


splash



THIS  
MORN-  
ING,  
  
I WITNESSED  
HOW YOUR  
TEAM LEADER  
TREATED YOU.

WHY DID  
EVERYONE  
JUST KEEP  
QUIET?!



PLEASE  
BE  
SERIOUS  
FOR A  
CHANGE!

WAIT!!

kiss

kiss

Ah!

kiss

Ah!



rub  
rub

rub rub

THANKS.

!!





I KNOW  
THAT.

TAKING CARE  
OF THE WORK  
ENVIRONMENT  
IS AN  
IMPORTANT  
TASK FOR THE  
GENERAL  
AFFAIRS.



IF YOU  
DO THAT-

SOME-  
THING THAT  
I DON'T  
CONSIDER  
AN ISSUE?

HOW WILL BUT  
YOU MAKE  
A CASE  
OUT OF

aah!

Ah!

STO...

NGH!



I

REALLY  
LOVE



.....  
TOMORROW,  
I'LL  
APOLOGIZE  
TO HIM...

By tomorrow,

OH  
YEAH,

I'm sure  
that Kakuta

will be smiling  
brightly like a ways

I WAS  
GOING TO  
ASK HIM  
OUT ON A  
SHOPPING  
DATE!



I do hate it

when my balance  
is threatened











This is the first time that  
I've been given a cold shoulder

by him.



NOT BEING ON  
GOOD TERMS WITH  
YOUR SUPERIOR  
HAPPENS ALL THE  
TIME ANYWAY,  
WE AREN'T  
GOING TO SOME  
"FRIENDSHIP  
CLUB" HERE.

HE'S TOTALLY  
THE TYPE WHO  
WOULD SAY  
SHIT LIKE "WE  
SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERATE  
OF EVERYONE'S  
FEELINGS"  
DURING A CLASS  
MEETING IN  
SCHOOL.

WHY SHOULD  
HE BE GETTING  
SO WORKED UP  
WHEN THE  
VICTIM IS  
SAYING THAT  
IT'S ALRIGHT?

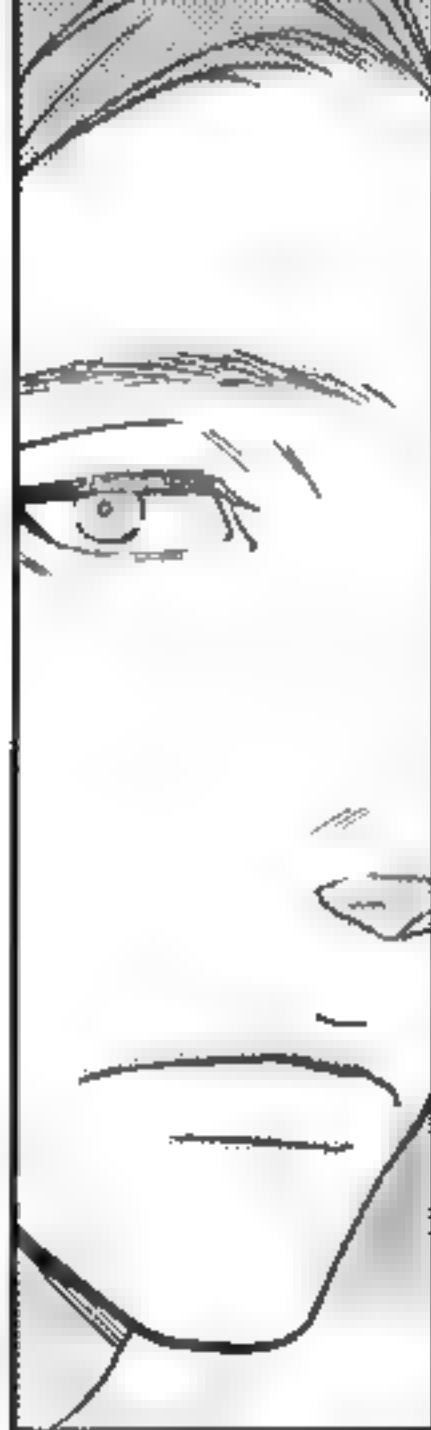
I MEAN,  
IS IT THAT  
BIG OF  
A DEAL?



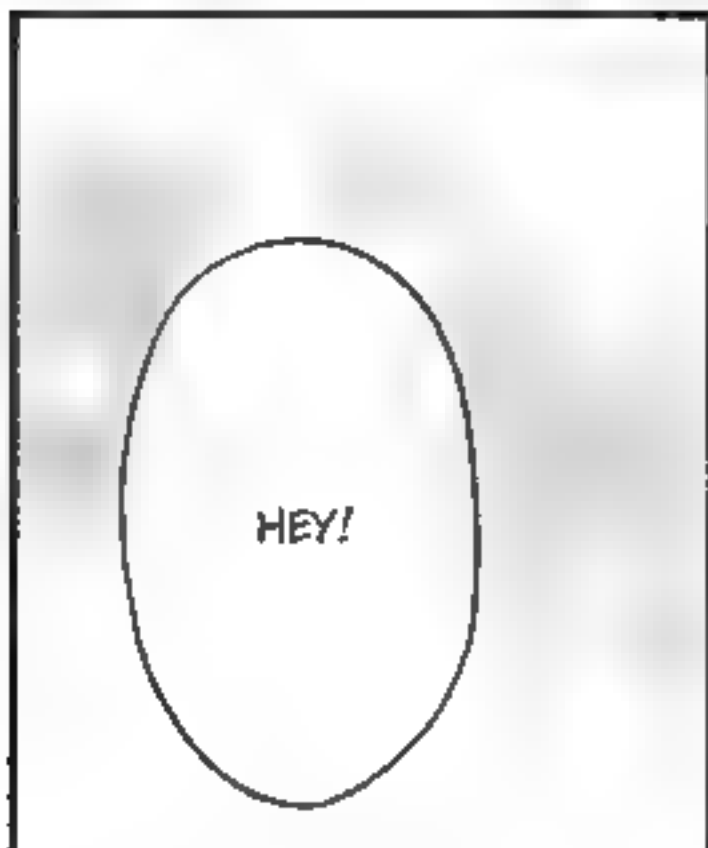
HMPH,  
AT  
LEAST  
I CAN  
GO AND  
MAKE  
OUT  
WITH  
KAKUTA.

IF HE DOESN'T FIX THAT SHITTY  
SERIOUS ATTITUDE, HE'LL GO BALD  
BEFORE HE TURNS 30!  
HE'D STILL BE CUTE WHEN HIS HEAD  
IS BALD AND SHINY THOUGH.  
I ALREADY KNOW THAT! I'LL FUCK HIM  
PLENTY EVERY DAY EVEN THEN!  
BUT IF I KEEP STRETCHING THE  
CONTRACT TO AN INCH OF ITS LIFE, WE  
WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ALL THE WAY.

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bloom  
bloom



YES-  
TERDAY  
WAS SO  
NICE...



ARE YOU  
SENDING A  
LETTER TO  
SOMEONE?

AH...



CAN'T  
YOU JUST  
USE THE  
STUFFS  
THE  
COMPANY  
HAS?

THE  
MESSENGER  
FOR PEOPLE  
ON LEAVE.

I WANT  
TO USE IT  
WHEN I'M  
CORRES-  
PONDING  
WITH THOSE  
WHO ARE  
ON LEAVE.



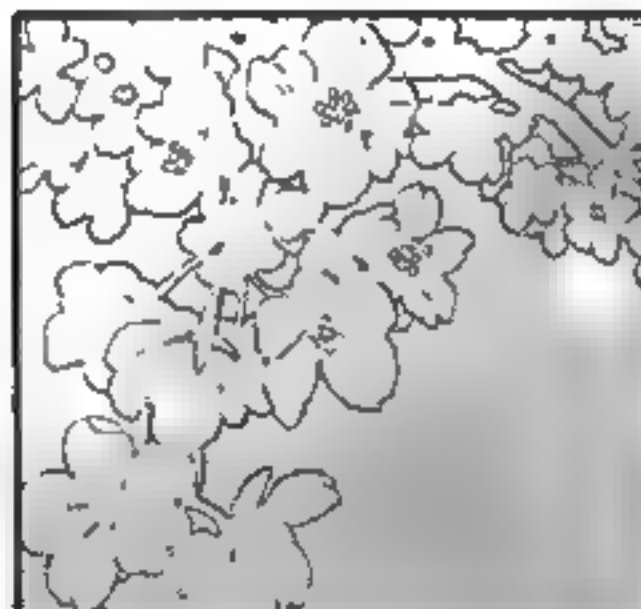
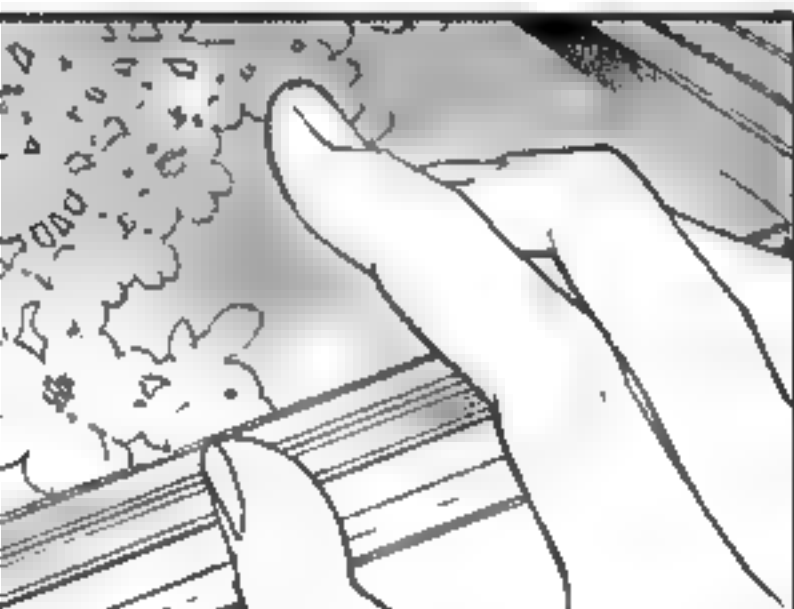


I SEE...

I FEEL LIKE EVEN SOMETHING SMALL CAN BECOME A STRESSOR WHEN YOU ARE UNDER TREATMENT.

I DON'T WANT IT TO ALWAYS LOOK VERY FORMAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN I SEND SIMPLE MESSAGES.

AND I WANT TO CHANGE THEM BASED ON THE SEASONS.



IT'S ELEGANT,

BUT ALSO LIGHT AND UNOBTRUSIVE.

ALMOST LIKE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS THAT WE SAW YESTERDAY.

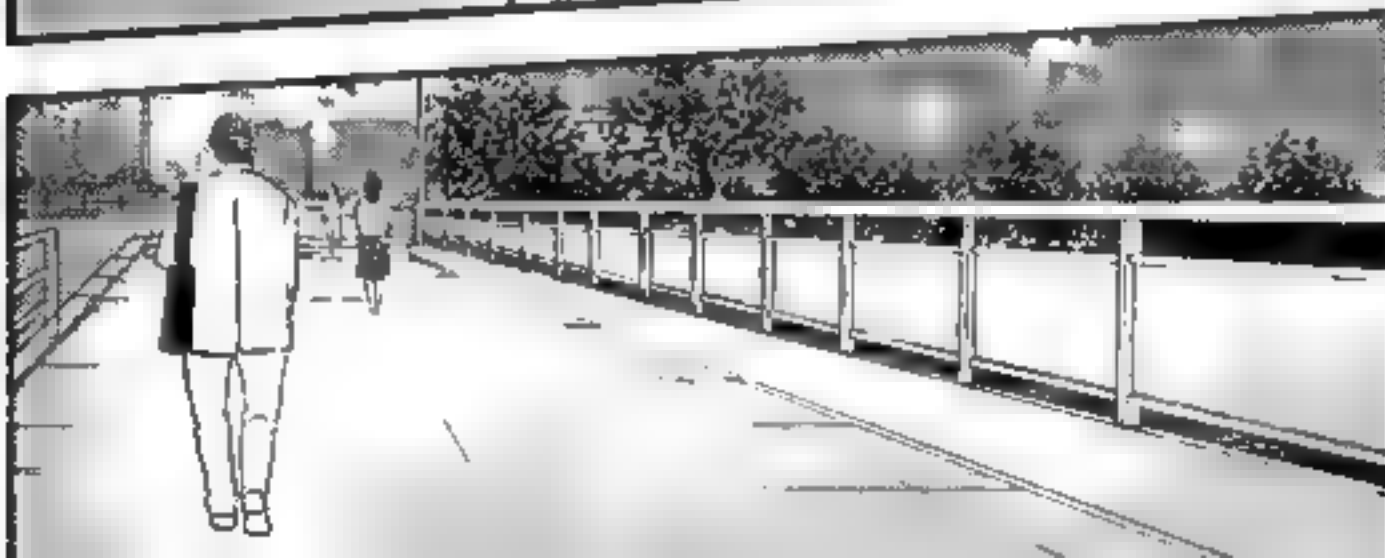


I WOULD CHOOSE THIS ONE.















I'M JUST  
GOING TO  
PREPARE  
MATERIALS  
THAT WE  
NEED FOR  
TOMORROW!

WHY ARE YOU  
INSISTING ON  
MAKING ME OUT  
TO BE SOME  
"HELPLESS  
SUBORDINATE"?

YOU ARE  
HURTING  
MY  
FEELINGS  
NOW!

KAKUTA,  
STOP  
MAKING  
A FUSS  
OUT OF  
NOTHING.




HOW  
COULD  
I NOT  
BECOME  
MORE  
WORRIED?

IF YOU  
KEEP  
SHUTTING  
ME OUT  
LIKE THIS,

BE-  
CAUSE...




IF  
YOU  
SAY  
SO,  
THEN  
I'LL  
BACK  
OFF.



BUT YOU  
NEED TO  
LET ME IN.



YOU ARE  
VERY  
SELFISH.



YOU MAY BE A  
KIND PERSON,  
BUT  
MINAKAMI-KUN,



BUT  
NOW

THAT  
I CAN SEE  
CLEARLY...



WHILE  
YOU  
REFUSE  
ANYTHING  
THAT  
DISRUPTS  
YOUR  
ROUTINE,


YOU  
CONTINUE  
TO MESS  
WITH ME  
LIKE IT'S  
NOTHING.



IT'S TRULY  
UNFAIR.



HOW  
IRONIC.



I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
CAPABLE  
OF THIS...





WHILE  
OUR  
SENSES  
OF SELF  
MUST HAVE  
BECOME  
MUDDLED.

MAYBE  
IT'S ALL  
BECAUSE  
WE'VE BEEN  
LETTING OUR  
BODIES GET  
CLOSER.

MINAKAMI-  
KUN.

CAN'T  
WE  
JUST

GO BACK TO  
BEING JUST  
FRIENDS?



BE IT  
ABOUT YOUR  
PLAGIARISM  
OR YOUR  
BROTHER,  
I AM NO  
LONGER  
INTERESTED.

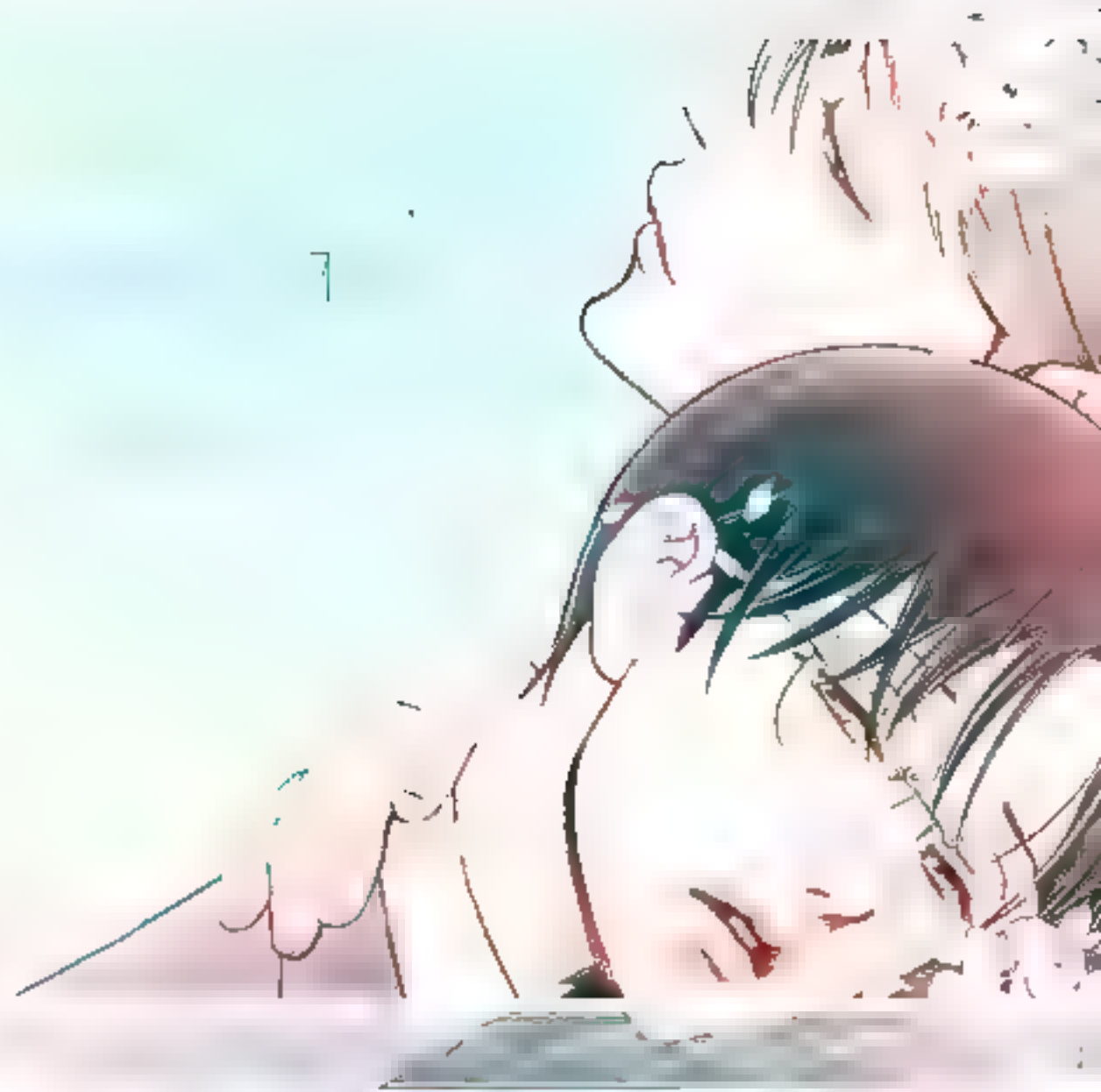
IF WE STAY  
AS WE ARE,  
WE CANNOT  
BE TOGETHER.

A young man with dark hair, wearing a blue jacket, is holding a small, light-colored dog close to his face. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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for you to read this story IN ENGLISH. AA  
Remember to say THANK YOU.

Hana





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# ORIENTATION

MY NAME  
IS KAKUTA  
SHINICHIROU.

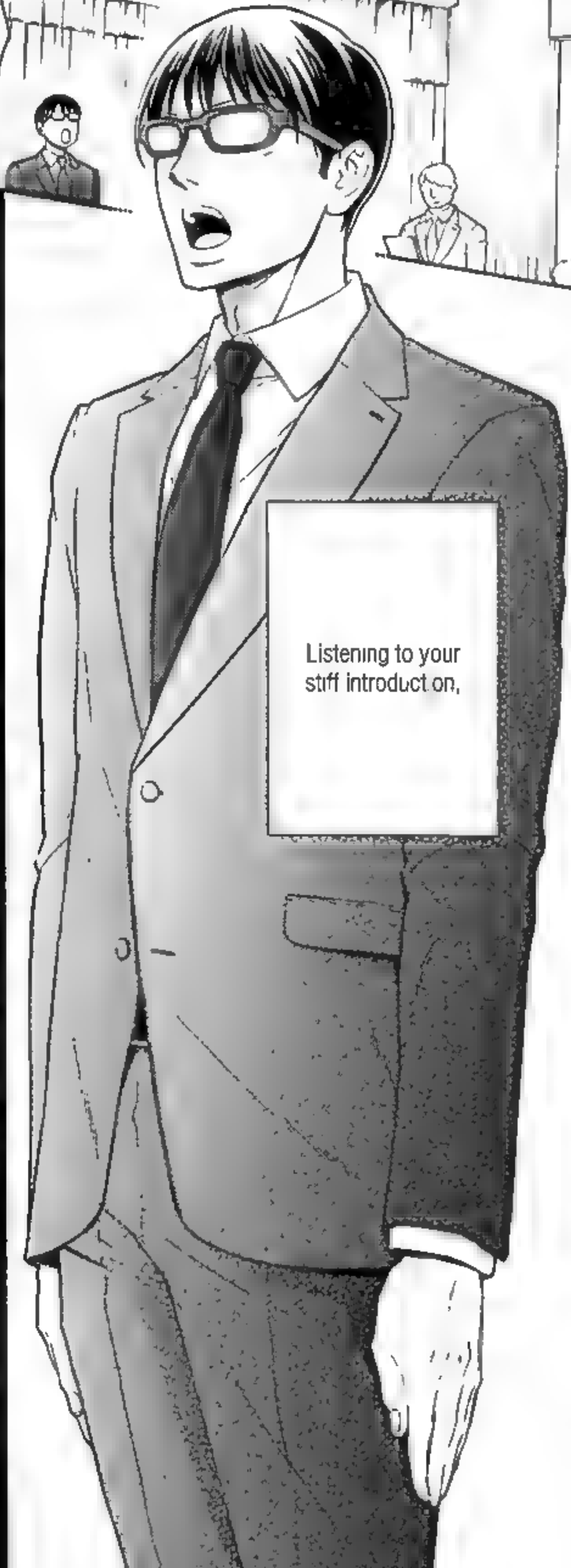
FROM XXX  
UNIVERSITY'S  
DEPARTMENT OF  
LITERATURE,

I felt that we  
would never  
get involved  
outside of work.

Listening to your  
stiff introduct on,

But my instincts  
were wrong.

SLEEPY...



HALF  
A YEAR  
LATER.



THE INDUCTION  
IS FINALLY OVER  
AND WE CAN  
FINALLY LET LOOSE  
WITHOUT THE BIG  
SHOTS, SO LET'S  
CHILL NICELY!

Calm down!

SAY THAT  
AGAIN, YOU!  
YOU ARE JUST AN  
OLD-FASHIONED  
MAN WITH STUPID  
TRADITIONS!

DON'T START  
GETTING COCKY  
BECAUSE YOUR  
RUNNER-UP ASS  
MANAGED TO  
WIN FOR ONCE!



AND NOW  
THERE ARE  
IDIOTS WHO  
WANT TO  
MESS IT  
ALL UP.

WE'VE  
JUST  
MANAGED  
TO GET  
HIRED,



HOW  
ANNOY-  
ING.

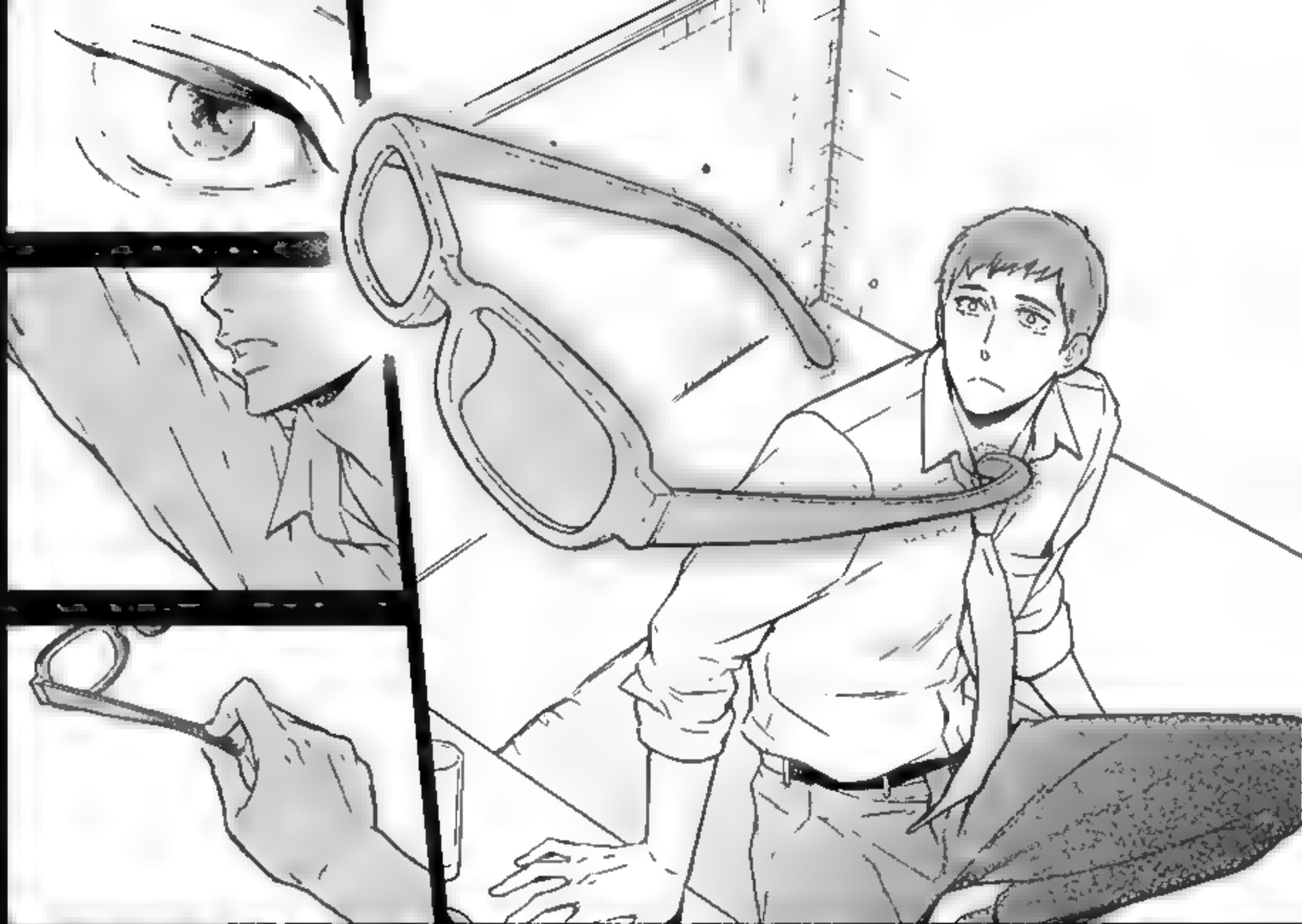


THOSE  
TWO HAVE  
BEEN ON  
BAD TERMS  
SINCE THE  
TRAINING  
STARTED.



I HEARD  
THAT THEY  
USED TO  
PLAY THE  
SAME SPORT  
AND THEY  
WERE IN  
RIVAL  
SCHOOLS.







HE JUST...  
THAT GUY  
SUDDENLY  
GOT IN  
BETWEEN  
AND...

STOP  
ACTING  
LIKE  
SPOILT  
BRATS!!

YOU IDIOTS!  
WHAT  
WERE YOU  
THINKING?!



I WILL NOT  
SAY THAT  
YOU TWO  
SHOULD FORCE  
YOURSELVES  
TO BECOME  
FRIENDS,

YOU'VE  
MANAGED  
TO MEET  
EACH OTHER  
ON THIS  
PLANET

HEY,  
ARE YOU  
ALRIG-



BUT SHOULDN'T  
YOU AT LEAST...

....  
SORRY...

TREASURE THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
THAT YOU'VE  
BEEN GIVEN?

It looked ke









THIS  
BOOK  
IS...

MY  
TREASURE.



But I want to ruin you.



If only

you didn't  
know my past.



You are  
precious.



I can't breathe  
properly

when your clear eyes  
are looking at me



I still want to hold you.

Though I know that there won't  
be any more future for us

GO BACK  
TO BEING  
JUST  
FRIENDS?

CAN'T  
WE

I AM  
NO LONGER  
INTERESTED.

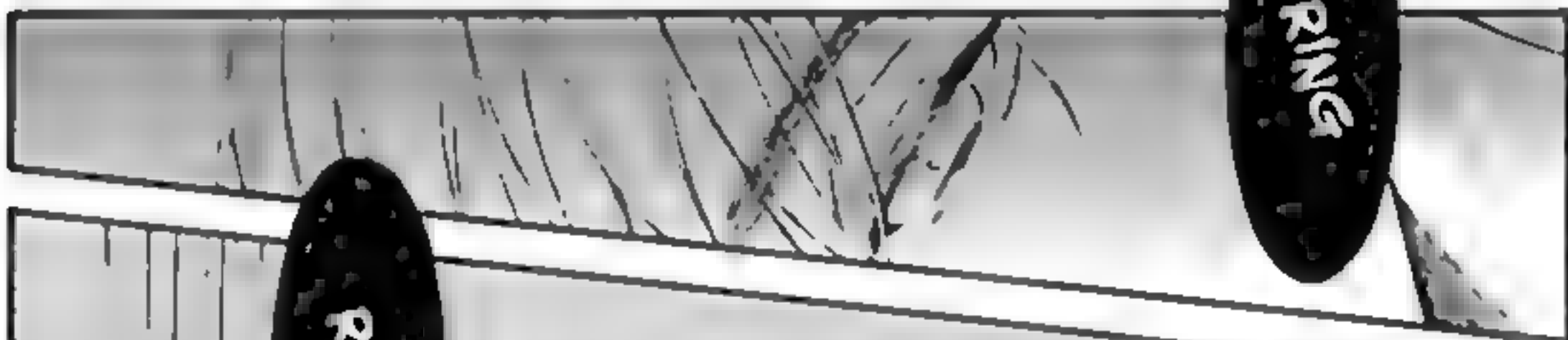
BE IT ABOUT  
YOUR BROTHER  
OR THE  
PLAGIARISM,







RING

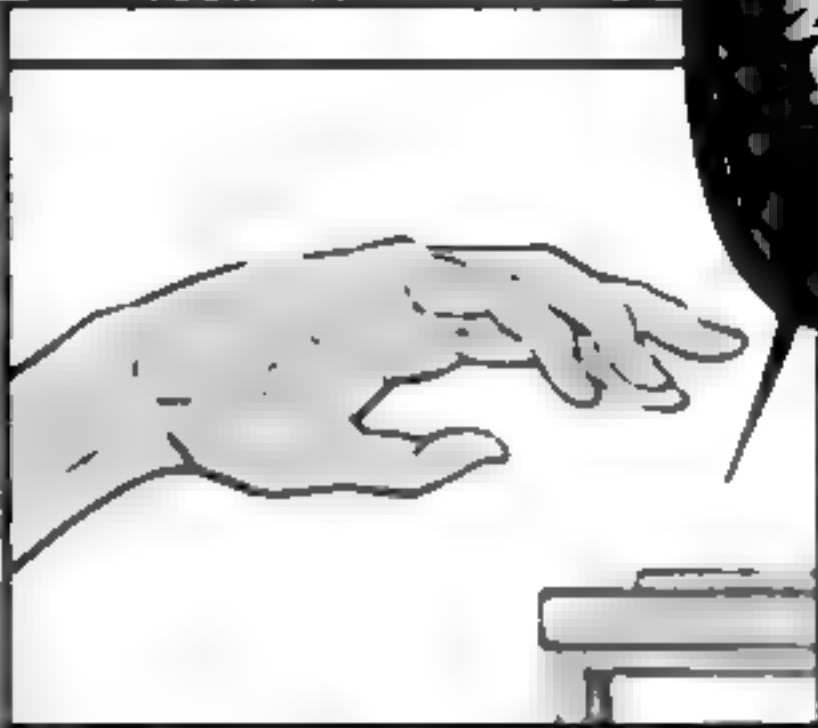


RING



RING

RING



rise



slump



slump



It's mom. It has taken me a number of days to quell my anger. I am questioning your character that allowed you to cut the call whilst somebody was still speaking. Although I have come to understand that you are a very busy man, as a person, I plead that you would still remember to send the gift for your brother. I hope that your heart which has been corrupted by the city can be cleansed by Kiyoharu-Kun's picture (his name has been decided).

READING THE MESSAGES FROM HIS MOM ALL AT ONCE.

KIYOHARU ♂



AND I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD GO BUY SOMETHING OVER THE WEEKEND.

YES, MY BROTHER'S WIFE HAS JUST GIVEN BIRTH.



It's going to be something from a while ago though?

CHOOSING A BABY GIFT THAT I LOVED TO GET?

And invite Kakuta along...



OR ANY TYPE OF NATURAL TOYS MADE ME HAPPY.

SOMETHING LIKE A CUTE BIB

Bib.

The fluffy one from a good brand.

I GOT TO USE IT FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE IT DIDN'T HAVE A SIZE.

HMM, PERSONALLY, I REALLY LOVED THE PONCHO!!



I AM FROM THE GENERAL AFFAIRS.

GOOD MORNING.

ALRIGHT, LET ME SEND YOU A LIST DURING MY LUNCH BREAK.

COULD YOU ALSO TELL ME OF ANY BRAND THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?

Squeak





MORNING.



GOOD  
MORNING,  
KAKUTA-  
SAN.



GOOD  
MORNING.



HOW  
UNFOR-  
TUNATE.

THE  
PERSON  
RES-  
PONSIBLE  
FOR THE  
JOB IS ON  
A LEAVE,

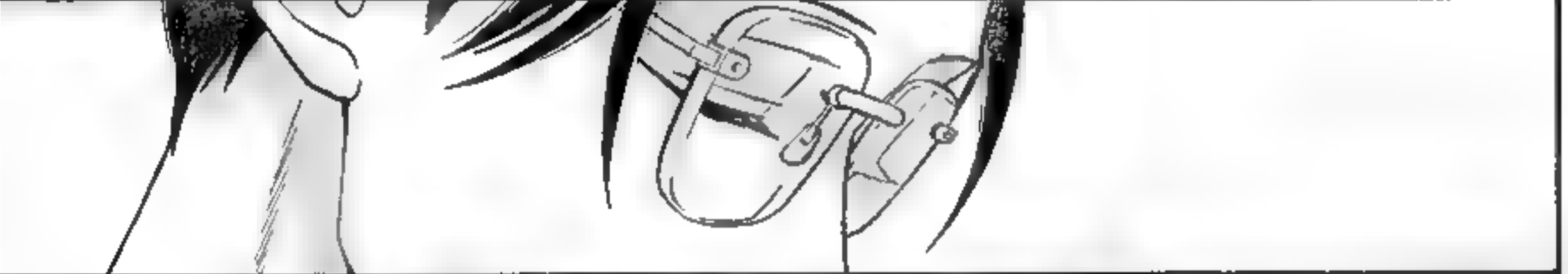
TO CARE  
FOR HER  
INJURED  
CHILD.



YES,  
SINCE  
THE DAY  
BEFORE.

YOU ARE  
DOING THE  
ROUNDS  
NOW?





It's just like

back then...







THAT  
I GAVE UP  
ON.

YOU'VE  
MANAGED  
TO COMPLETE  
THE BOOK

WHAT?

THAT'S  
NOT IT...

THERE  
ARE OTHER  
THINGS  
THAT YOU  
SHOULD BE  
SAYING...

"THE SHADOW  
ON THE GROUND"  
IS ALREADY

YOUR  
WORK.



To simply be forgiven  
without having put in  
any effort means that

you will lose sight  
of the escape path  
of your guilt





I don't want



PLEASE...  
WAIT,



KAKUTA...



to be left stranded  
for years without  
answers... again.



I'M  
BEGGING  
YOU,

PLEASE...

PLEASE  
LET ME  
GO.



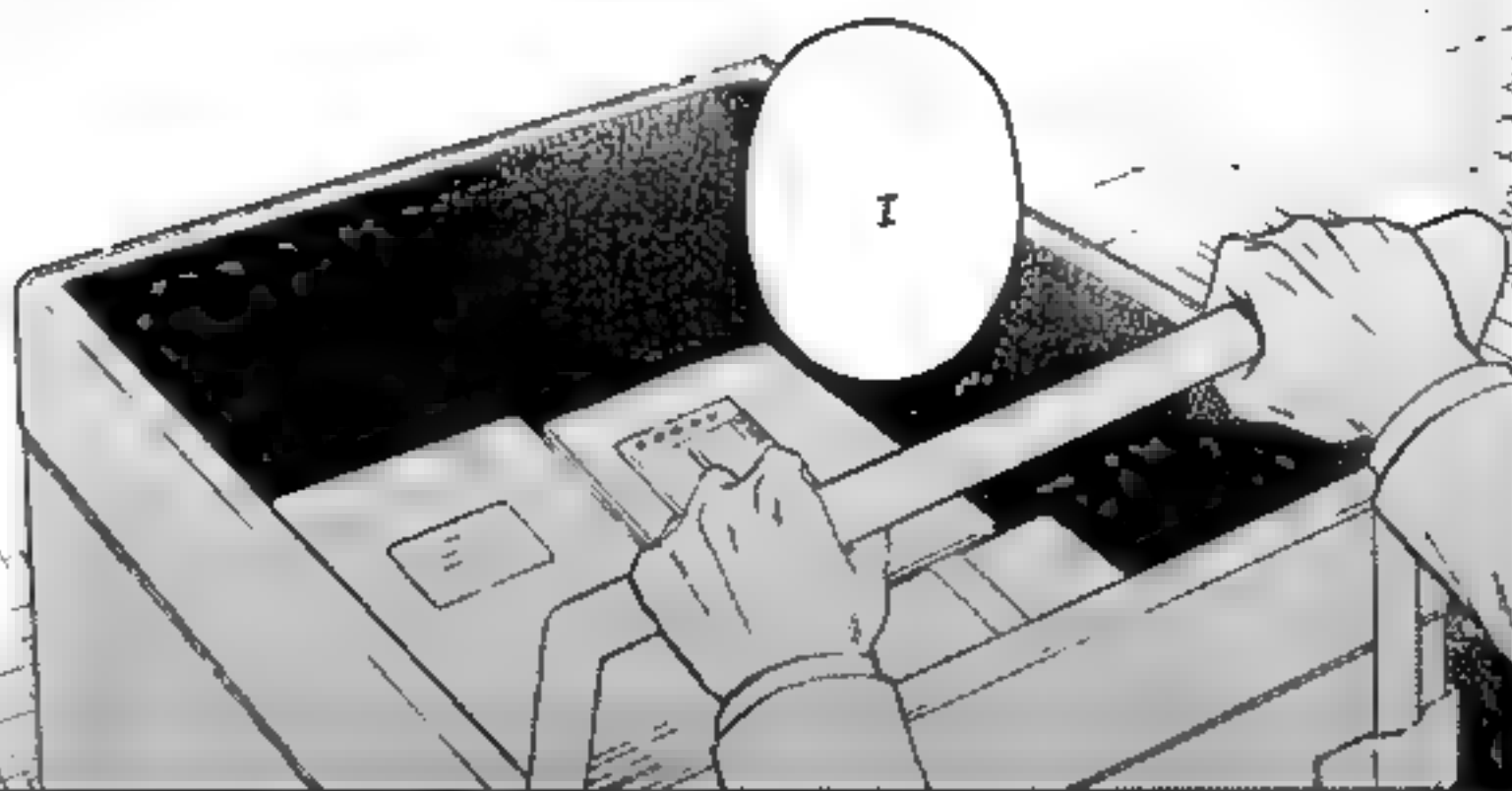
MINAKAMI-  
KUN,

PLEASE  
STOP.

YOU'VE  
GOTTEN  
UPSET.

NOW THAT  
YOU CAN  
NO LONGER  
CONTROL  
ME AS YOU  
PLEASE,

FEEL AS IF...  
THE CLOSER WE  
ARE, THE MORE  
I WOULD END UP  
TURNING INTO THE  
TYPE OF PERSON  
THAT I DESPISE.



I WANT TO  
BE ABLE TO  
TREASURE THIS  
MIRACULOUS  
CONNECTION  
THAT WE'VE  
ESTABLISHED.



SINCE WE'VE  
MANAGED TO  
MEET EACH  
OTHER IN THIS  
WHOLE WIDE  
WORLD,

I DON'T  
WANT US  
TO BE IN A  
TOXIC RELA-  
TIONSHIP.

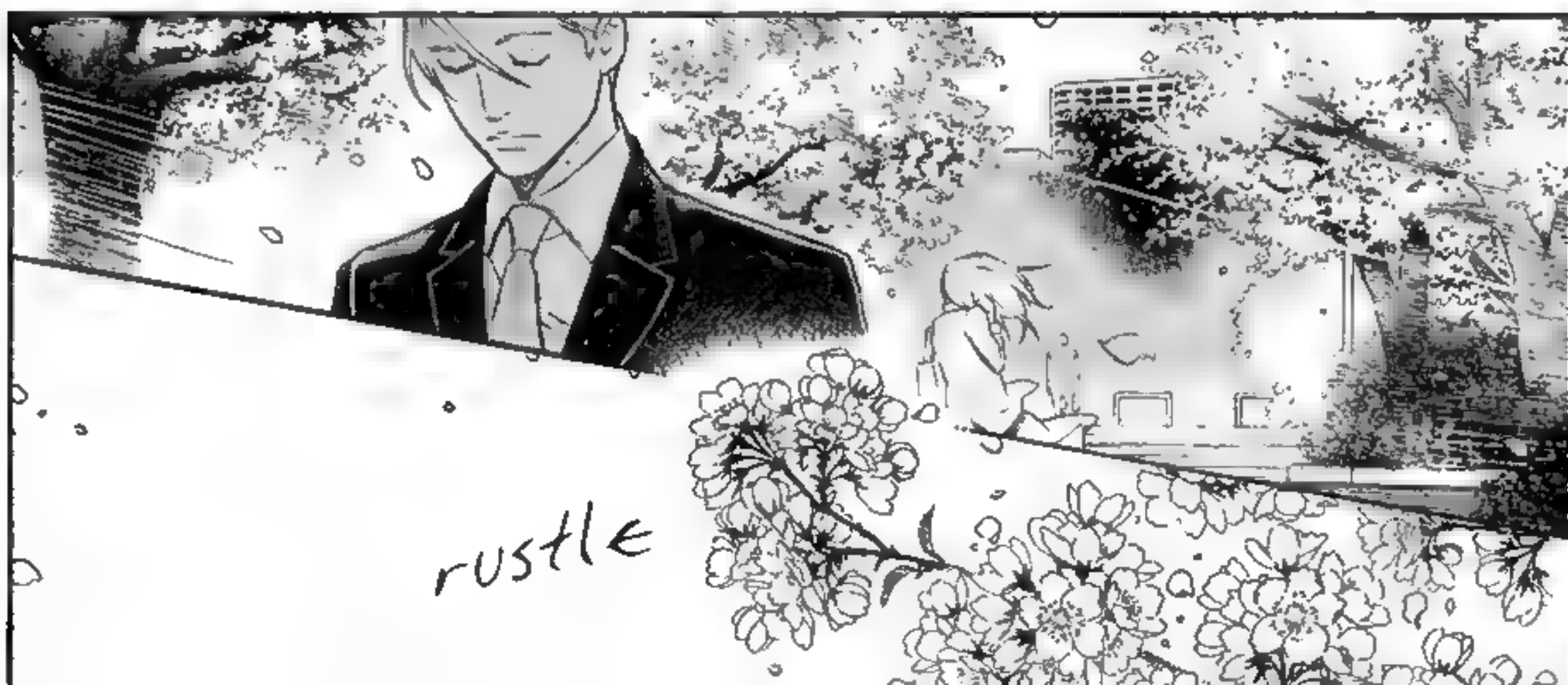


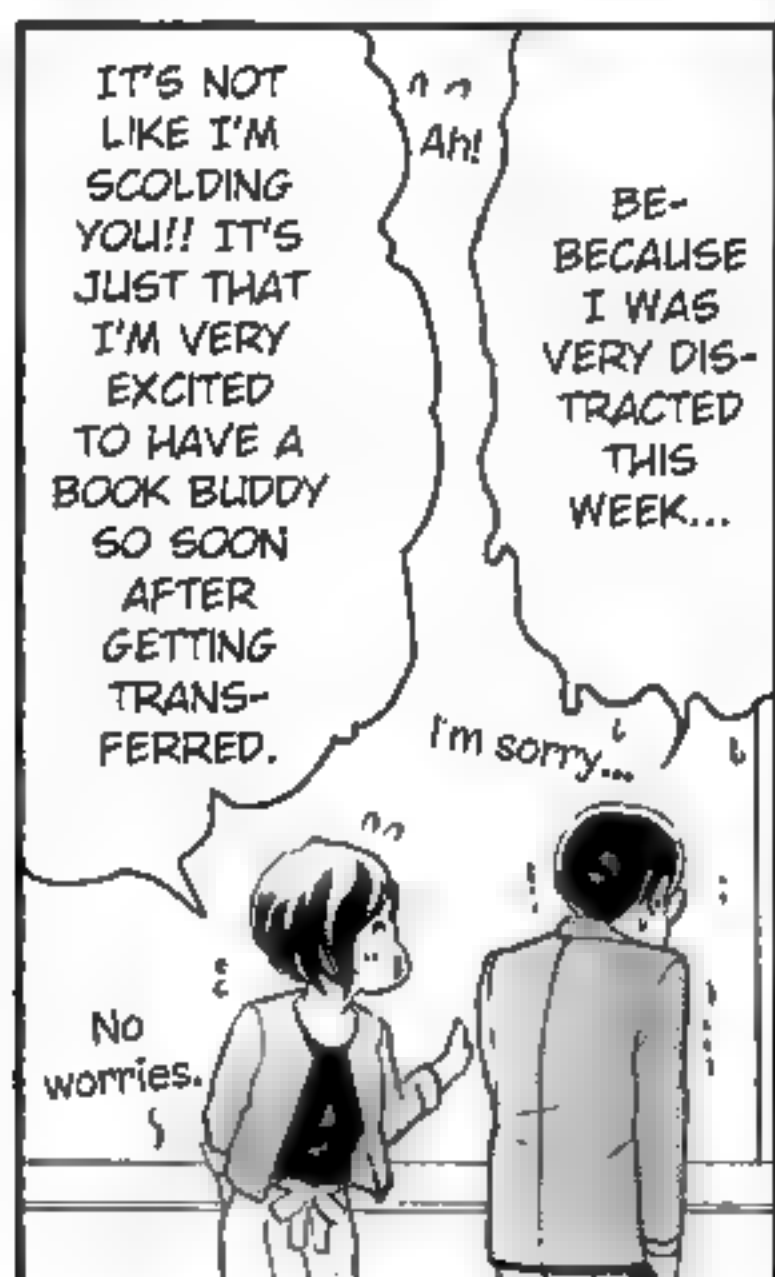
I REALLY  
BELIEVE  
THAT WE

WERE JUST  
MEANT TO BE  
FRIENDS.

















ONE OF THE BRAND SHOP THAT KASAHARA-SAN MENTIONED WAS NEAR THE OFFICE I WENT TO.

SO YOU WENT TO THE SHOP JUST TO GET THE CATALOG?

IT REALLY IS DIFFICULT TO DECIDE ON THESE THINGS...

THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOU SUDDENLY INVITED US OUT FOR DRINKS.

Of course, I went during my break time.

Oh, this is cute.



IN THE END...

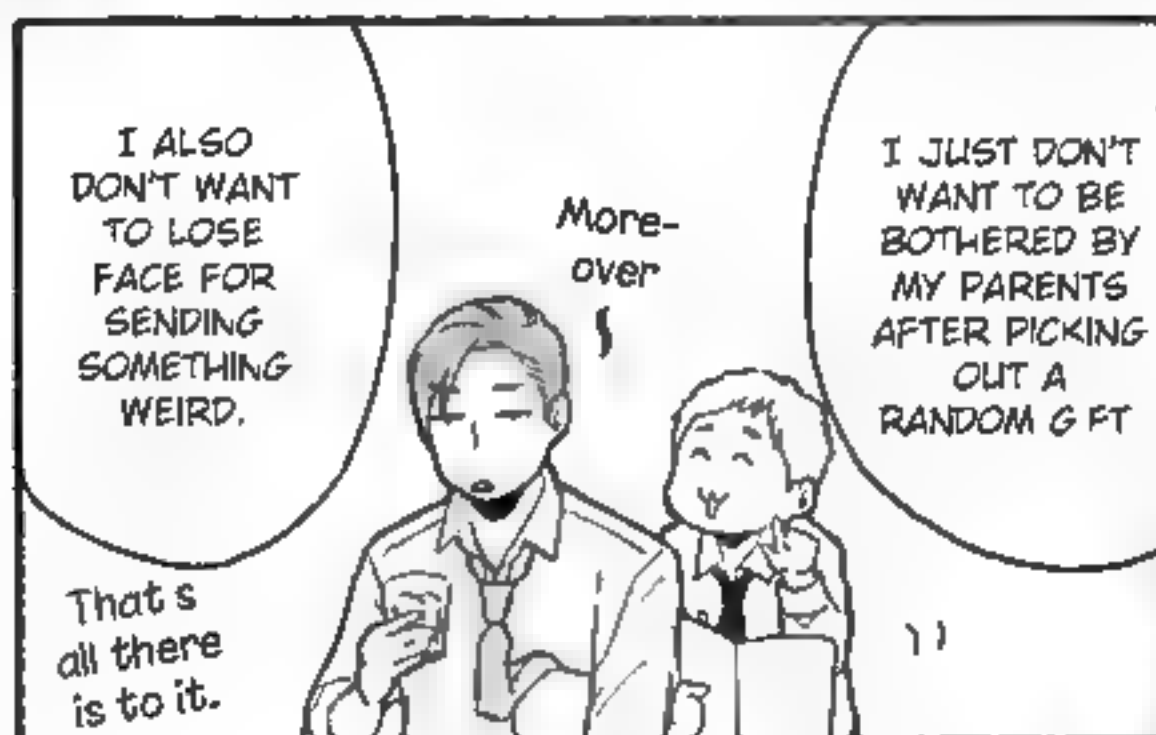
I COULDN'T INVITE HIM ALONG...



I got to do a quality check as well.

ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T GET TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE SHOP, I AT LEAST MANAGED TO SEE THE ACTUAL GOODS.

I'M PLANNING ON ORDERING IT LATER ONLINE.



I ALSO DON'T WANT TO LOSE FACE FOR SENDING SOMETHING WEIRD.

More-over

I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED BY MY PARENTS AFTER PICKING OUT A RANDOM G FT

That's all there is to it.



YOU'D JUST QUICKLY SEARCH ONLINE, CLICK AND SEND.

BUT IF YOU REALLY FOUND IT THAT BOTHER-SOME,

YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON!



SENPAI IS...

SERIOUS AND... HOW DO I PUT IT...



but that  
has never  
bothered  
me.

To be seen  
favourably  
by people  
based on  
your outward  
appearance  
often occurs.



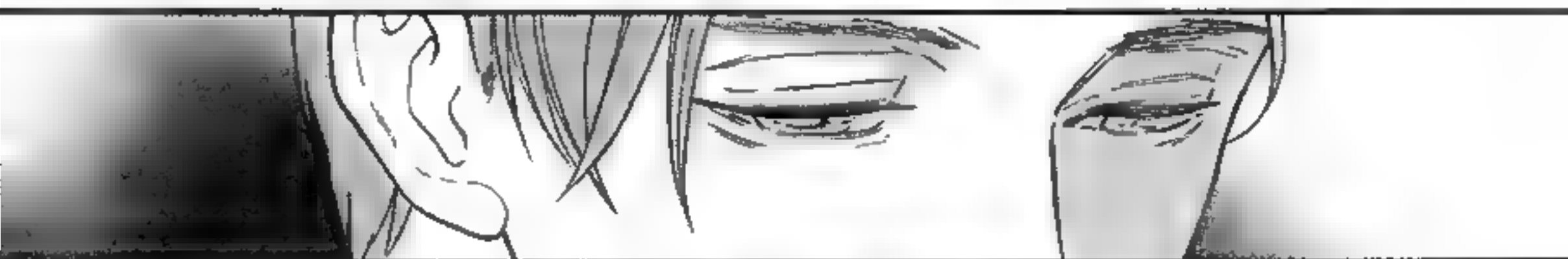
THIS IDIOT  
IS ALSO  
LIVING  
IN SOME  
FAIRY TALE.

Thanks.

AS I  
THOUGHT,  
SUCCESSFUL  
MEN ARE  
DIFFERENT!

Very...  
caring?

LONGING EYES



The only gaze that always  
cuts right into my heart is

Kakuta's.









"WE WERE JUST  
MEANT TO BE FRIENDS."

"I THINK THAT..."



THIS IS  
ALREADY  
A GOOD  
OUTCOME.

SO WE  
ARE BACK TO  
SQUARE ONE.



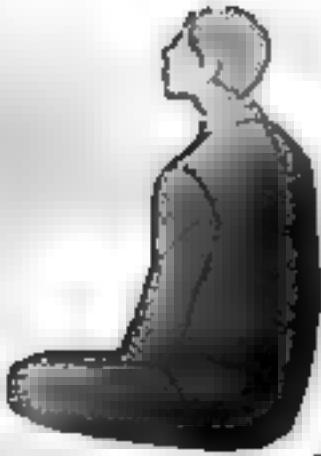
I will never  
repeat my  
mistakes.




If there won't  
be a future for the  
both of us,

even if it's fake


I'd rather have  
a flower that will  
never wither



I don't want to  
end up losing,

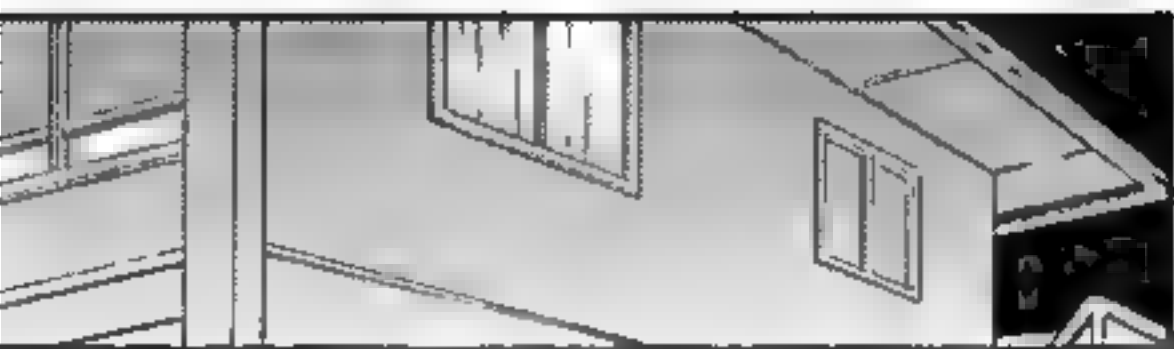


like  
back then.



I know  
now





that there  
is no way  
that I could  
ever

lock  
away my  
feelings  
for you.



Calling  
Minakami Eisuke

BUT  
EVEN  
FOR A  
SHORT  
WHILE,

MINAKAMI-  
KUN?

SORRY...

I NEED  
TO TALK  
TO YOU.

I won't stay  
for long,

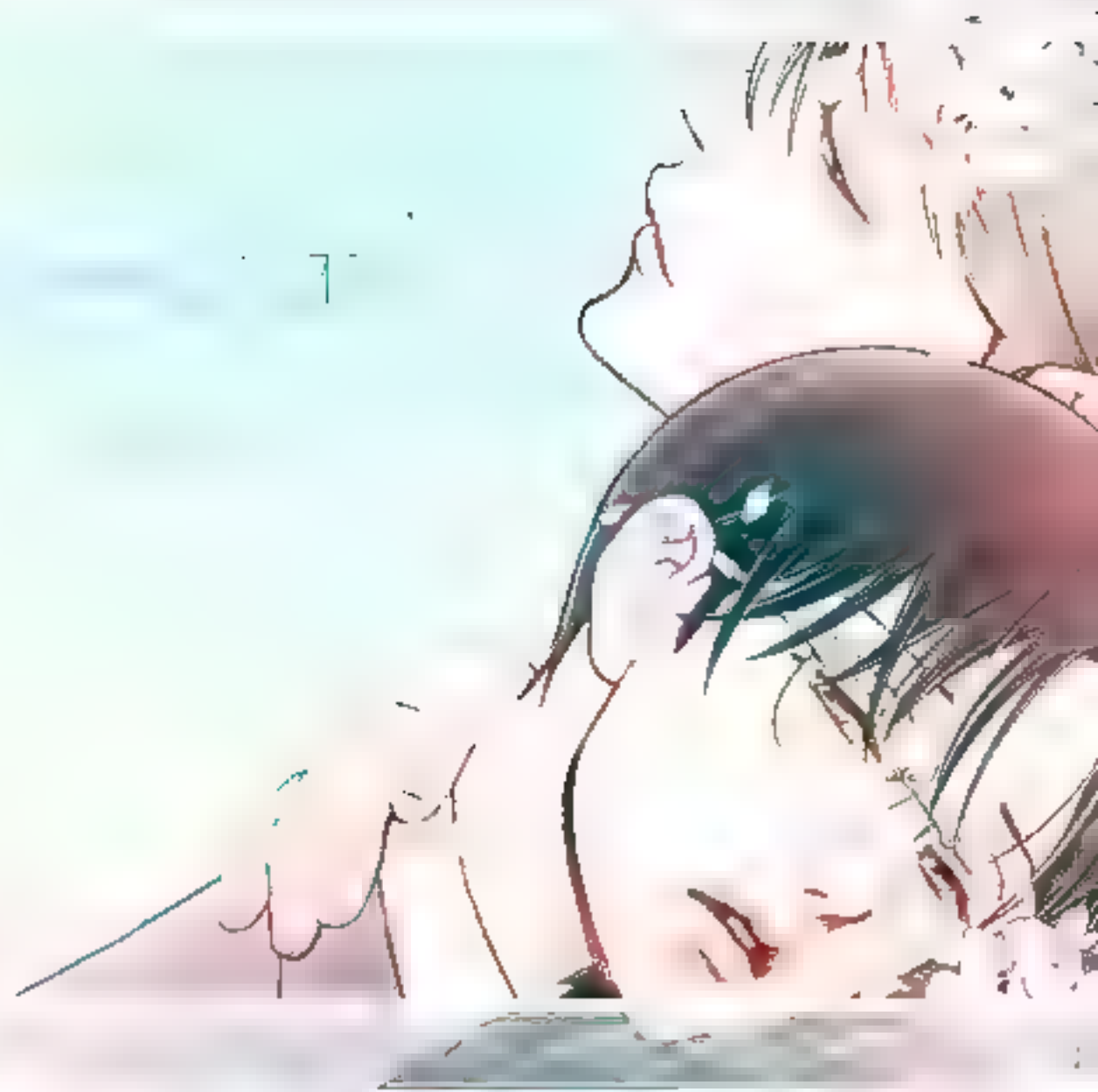


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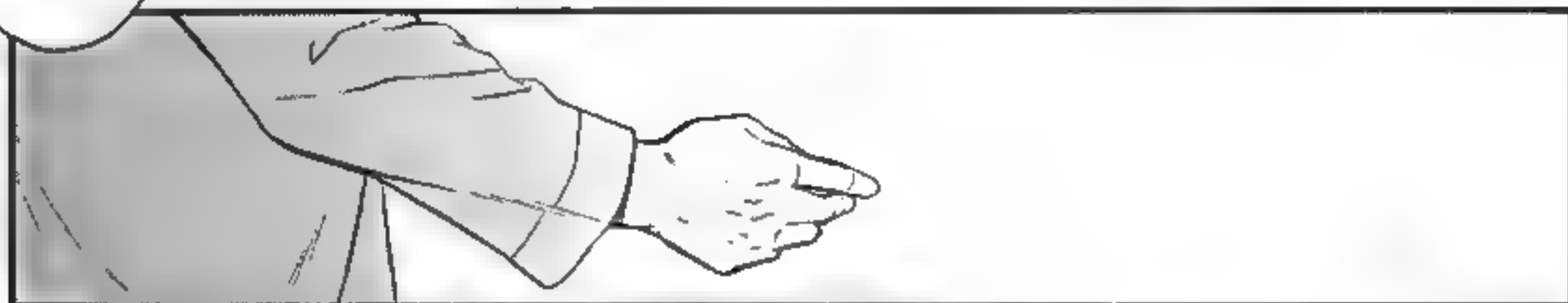
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MINAKAMI-  
KUN?

DID YOU  
RUN HERE?











DURING THAT  
TIME, A GUY  
THAT I USED  
TO HOOK UP  
WITH...

MAYBE BECAUSE  
I ATTENDED THE  
AWARD CEREMONY,  
QUITE A NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE COULD STILL  
RECOGNISE ME WHEN  
I WAS IN UNIVERSITY.



thrust

WHAT?

YOU  
GOT THE  
WRONG  
PERSON.



WHY DID  
YOU STOP  
WRITING?



THE  
TRUTH  
IS...


I WAS  
YOUR  
FAN.



thrust

HEY,






AND  
THEIR VERY  
EXISTENCE  
ANNOYED ME.



I DIDN'T  
CARE FOR  
THOSE WHO  
REMEMBERED  
MY PAST.



YOU WERE  
THE ONLY  
EXCEPTION.

BUT



IF  
I KNEW  
I WAS  
GONNA  
FALL THIS  
HARD,



I NEVER  
SHOULD  
HAVE STOLEN  
THAT WORK.



HAD SO  
MUCH  
MORE...  
THAN  
JUST ONE.

BECAUSE  
THAT MAN



I FELT  
THAT IT  
WOULD  
BE FINE,  
IF I ONLY  
STOLE  
ONE.

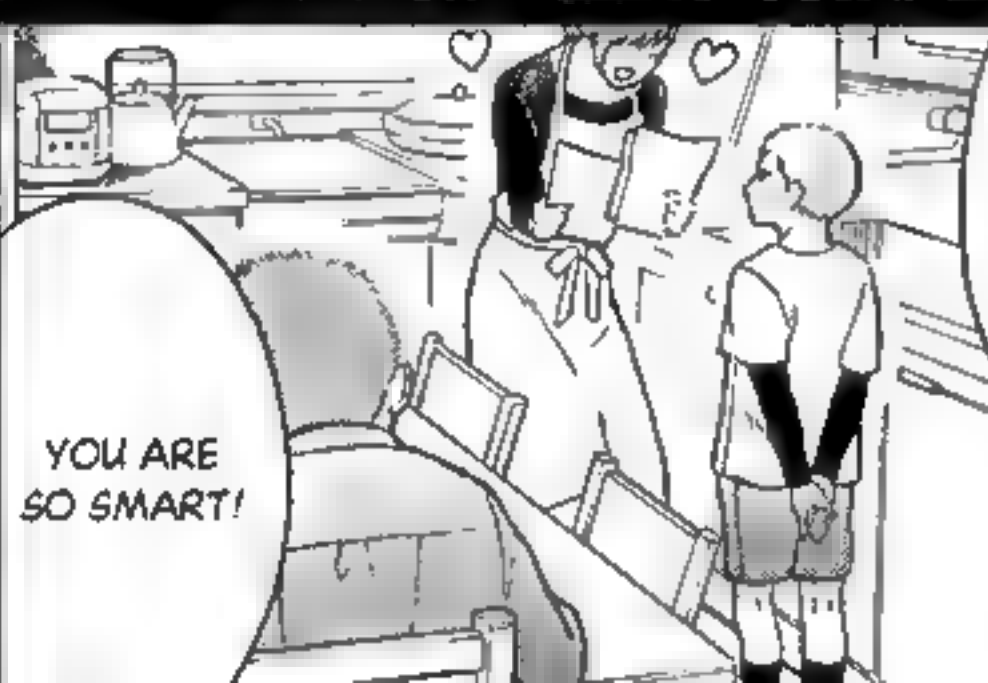


ONII-CHAN!!

YOU NEED TO  
HAVE MORE SELF-  
AWARENESS!!  
YOU FAILED AGAIN!!



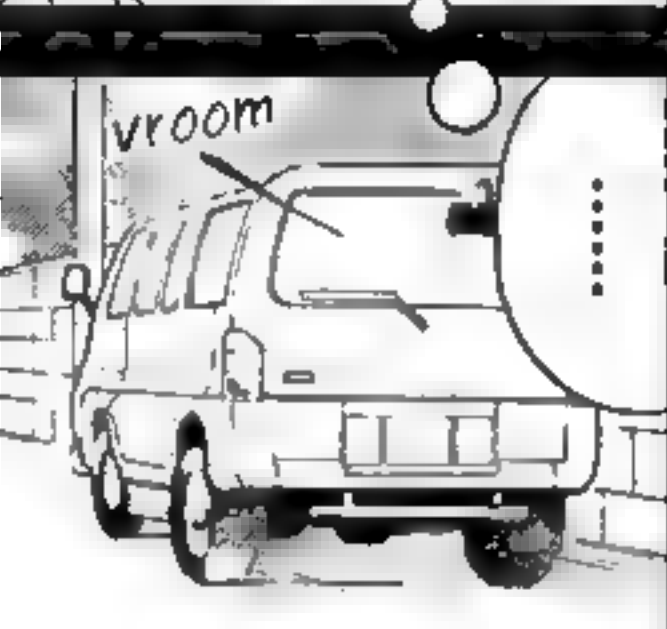
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YOU ARE  
SO SMART!

AS  
EXPECTED  
OF EISUKE!





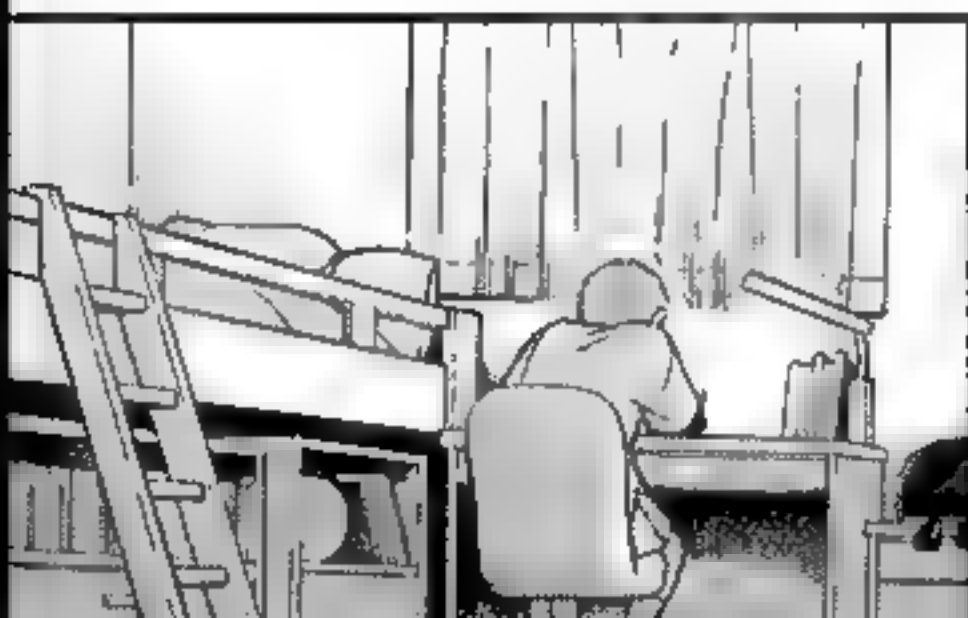


T/N: Little Eisuke was writing a story.

Back then,

I secretly dreamt the same dream as my brother did.

群馬のしるし  
の馬は、  
上知の  
証は、  
心決ま  
れは、  
静い



I'VE GOTTA  
HELP OUT.

YEAH.

She came  
to the  
shop to  
thank me.

I HEARD THAT  
YOU HELPED  
KASHIWAZAKI-  
SAN FIND  
HER CAT?

BECAUSE  
THAT CAT IS  
THE ONLY  
FAMILY THAT  
GRANDMA  
HAS,

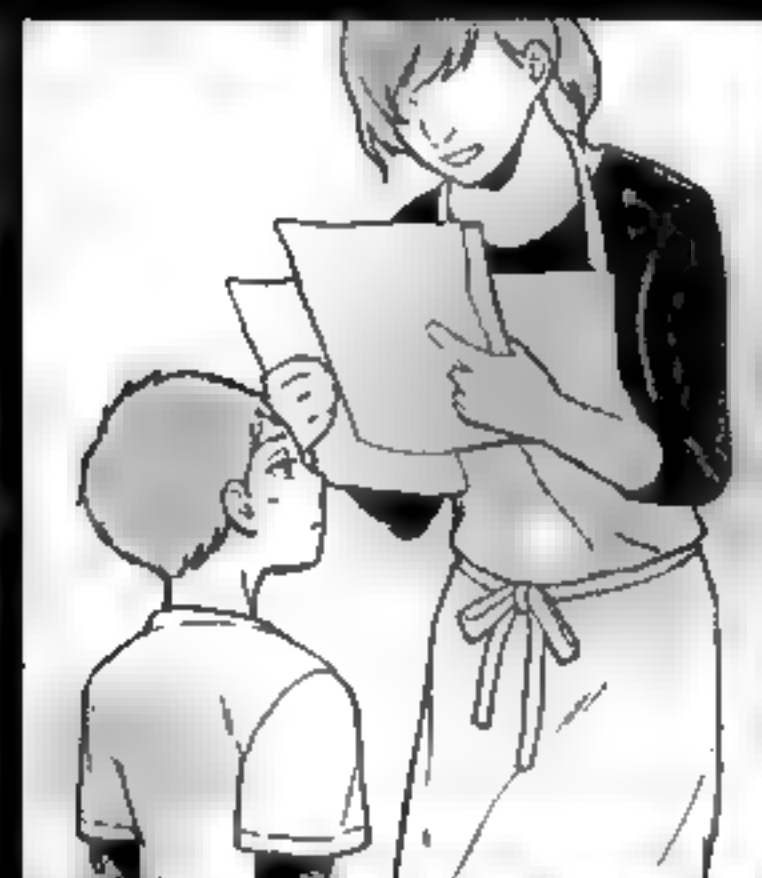
IT'S NOT LIKE  
THAT PIECE OF  
PAPER COULD  
EVER MEASURE  
YOUR WORTH!

I'LL  
SPECIALLY  
TURN A BLIND  
EYE ON TODAY'S  
BAD MARKS.

AND  
START  
STUDYING  
AS HARD  
AS YOUR  
BROTHER  
DOES!

SO  
PLEASE  
STOP  
SAYING  
CHILDISH  
THINGS,

BUT  
STUDYING  
IS STILL IM-  
PORTANT,







THE ONE  
THAT WORRIES  
ME IS THE  
OLDER ONE  
OF THE TWO.

HE KEEPS  
WRITING  
LIGHT NOVELS,  
SAYING THAT  
HE WANTS  
TO BECOME  
AN AUTHOR.



DAD,  
PLEASE SAY  
SOMETHING  
AS WELL!



YOU  
DO HAVE  
A POINT...

WE DON'T  
EVEN NEED TO  
PAY ATTENTION  
TO EISUKE FOR  
HIM TO SUCCEED.



I'M BUSY  
STUDYING.



I JUST  
CAN'T  
GET IT  
RIGHT



IT'S STILL  
INCOMPLETE,

BUT  
CAN YOU  
READ THIS  
FOR ME?

影の地  
The Shadow on  
the Ground



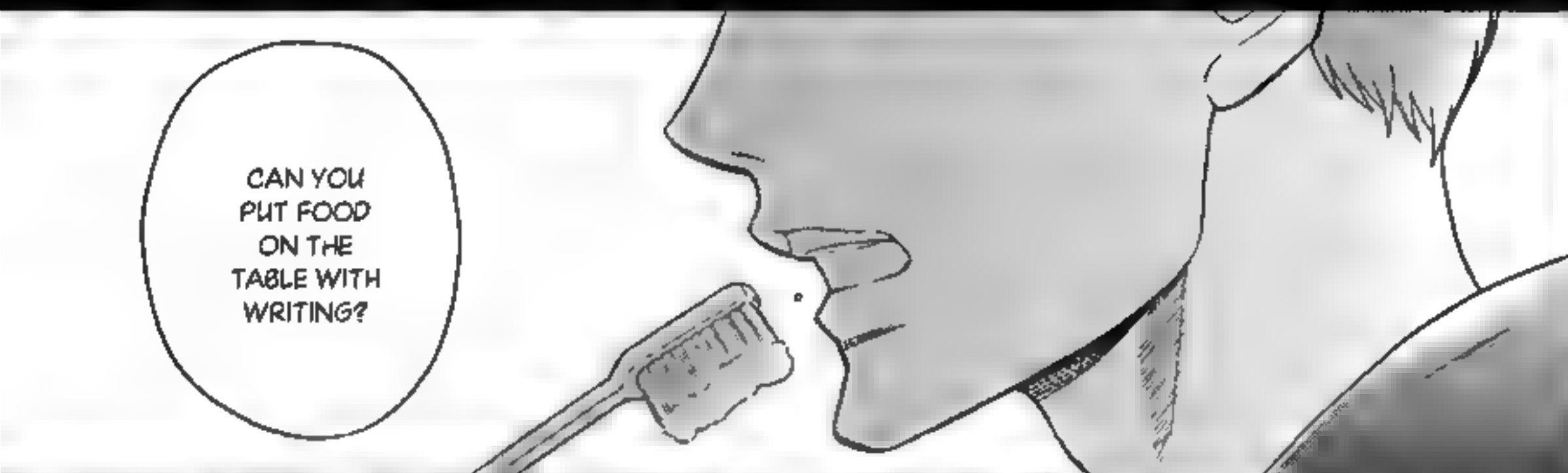
EISUKE,  
DID YOU  
STOP  
WRITING?

YOU  
USED  
TO...



YOU ARE  
A STUDENT  
AFTER ALL.

OH,  
SORRY,



CAN YOU  
PUT FOOD  
ON THE  
TABLE WITH  
WRITING?



sigh

Every single  
one of them.

How stupid



I'M  
NOWHERE  
AS CAPABLE  
OR TALENTED  
AS YOU.

THIS IS THE  
ONLY WAY  
FOR ME



WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
INHERIT  
THE SHOP  
AFTER  
FINISHING  
UNIVER-  
SITY?

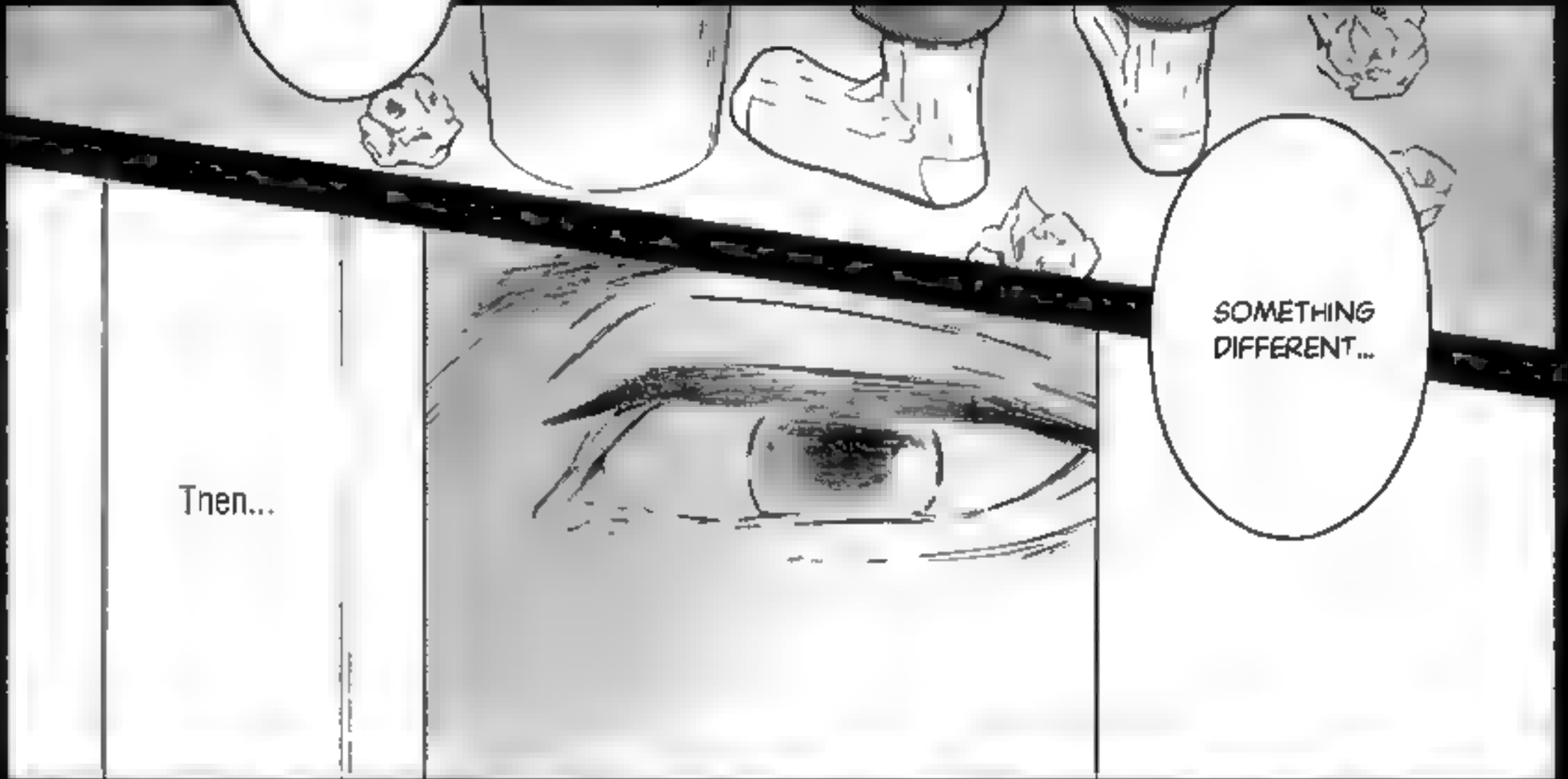
MOM  
WILL BE  
ECSTATIC.



THIS IS  
NOT IT.

ANOTHER  
FAILURE.

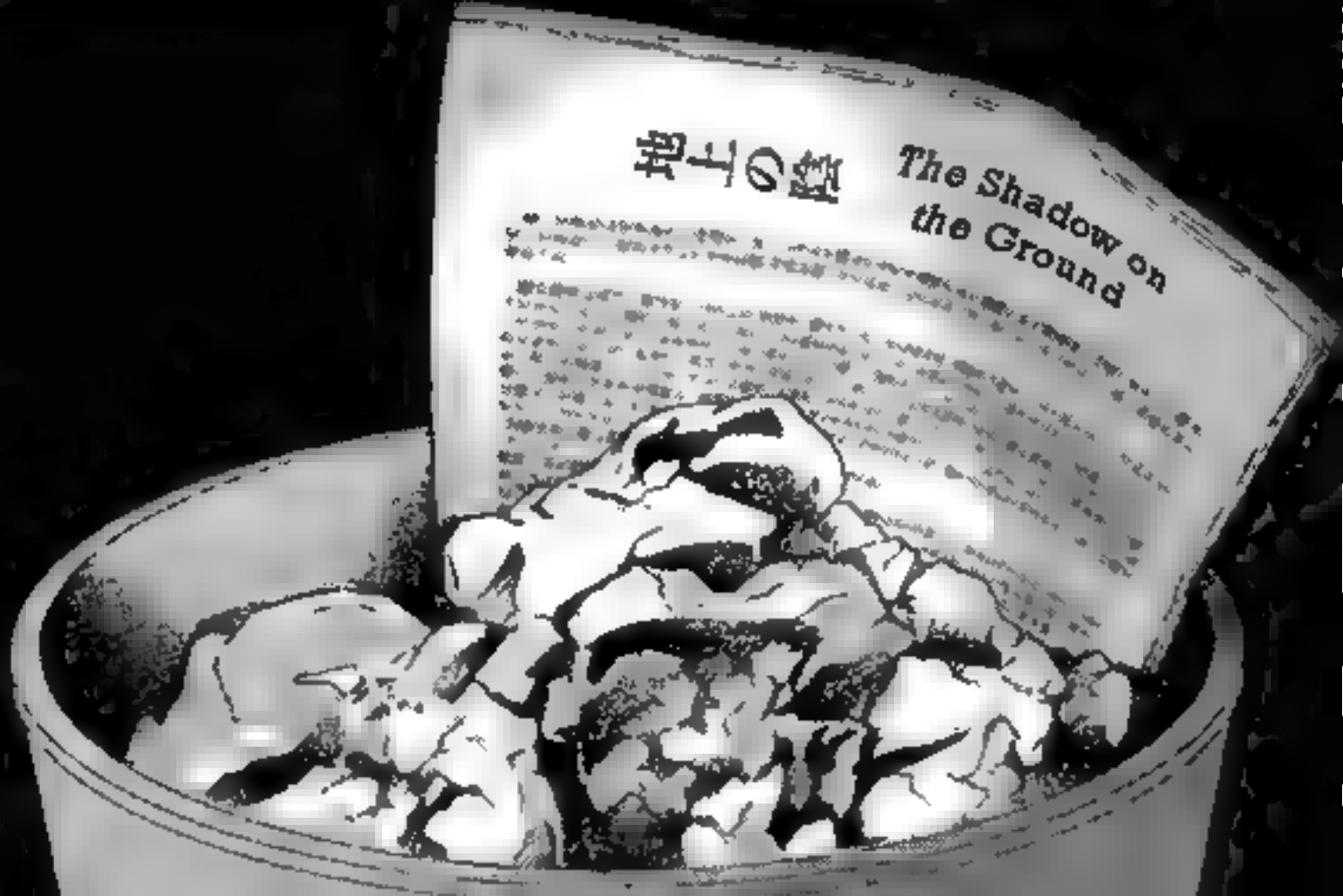
bang



SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT...

Then...

the "talented" me would  
complete and publish it.





What I wanted to steal was

his hope

I BECAME  
UNABLE  
TO WRITE.

IN  
THE  
END,

BY STEALING  
AN OUNCE OF  
HIS HOPE,



BY  
COMPLETING  
THAT WORK,  
I WAS  
AWARDED,

IT WAS AS  
IF A SLOW  
POISON WAS  
SPREADING

AND  
STOPPED  
ME FROM  
WRITING.



AND "THE  
SHADOW ON  
THE GROUND"  
THAT YOU  
KNOW WAS  
BORN.



KAKUTA,  
I'M SORRY.

WHEN MY  
BROTHER TURNED  
TO WRITING MYSTERY,  
AND MANAGED TO  
BECAME SUCCESSFUL  
AS AN AUTHOR.

MY ONLY  
SALVATION  
WAS

IT WAS  
ALL FAKE.

EVER BECOME  
YOUR SPECIAL  
SOMEONE?

CAN A  
BASTARD  
LIKE ME









I WAS  
LONELY  
BECAUSE  
I WANTED  
TO SPEND  
TIME WITH  
YOU,

IT WAS  
YOUR BOOK,  
AND YOU...

THE THINGS  
THAT YOU  
GAVE ME  
WILL NOT  
FADE AWAY.

SO  
I CARRIED  
IT WITH ME,  
JUST TO FEEL  
LIKE YOU  
WERE THERE,  
WITH ME...!

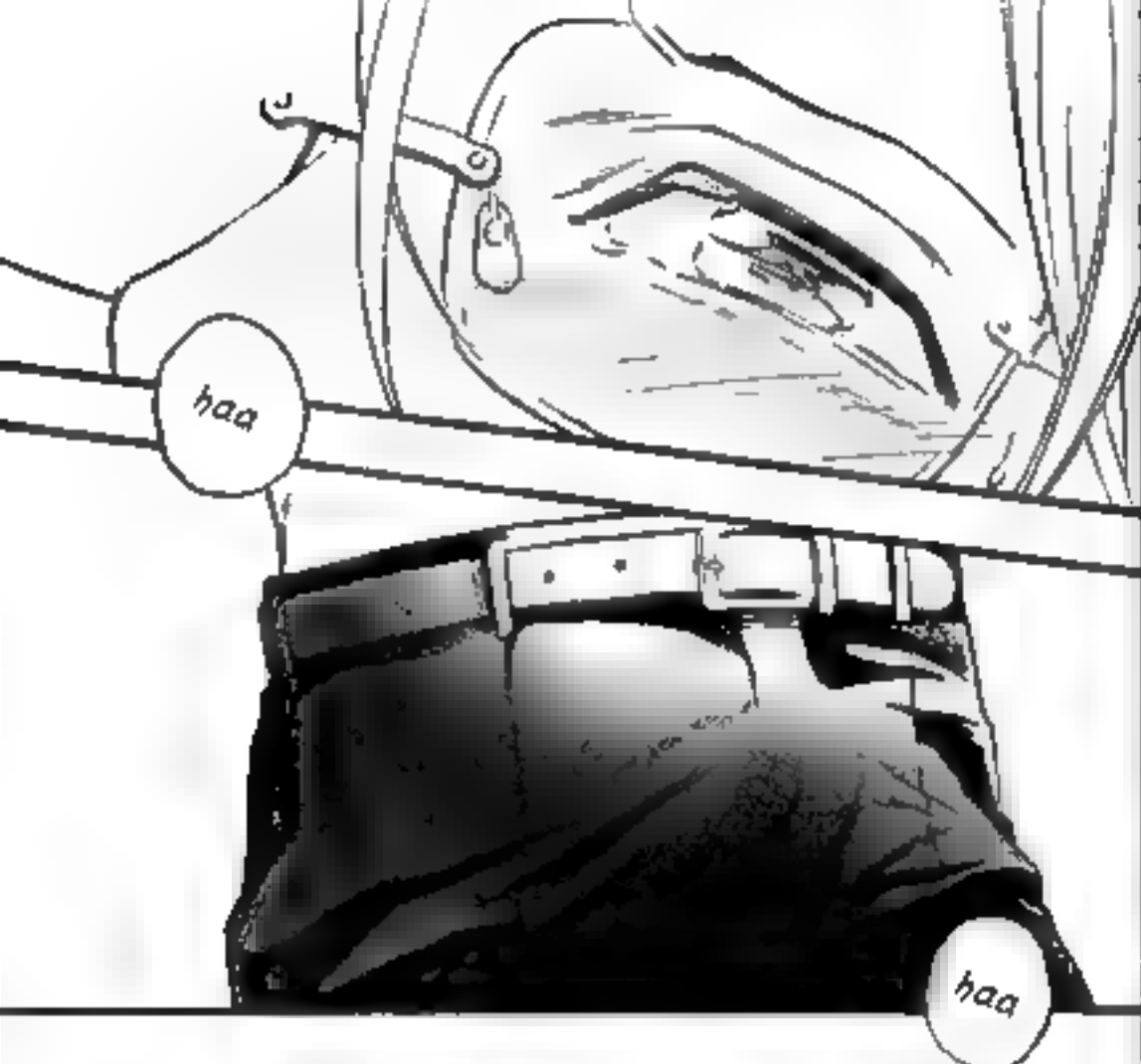
DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
I ALWAYS  
HAVE THE  
BOOK WITH  
ME?



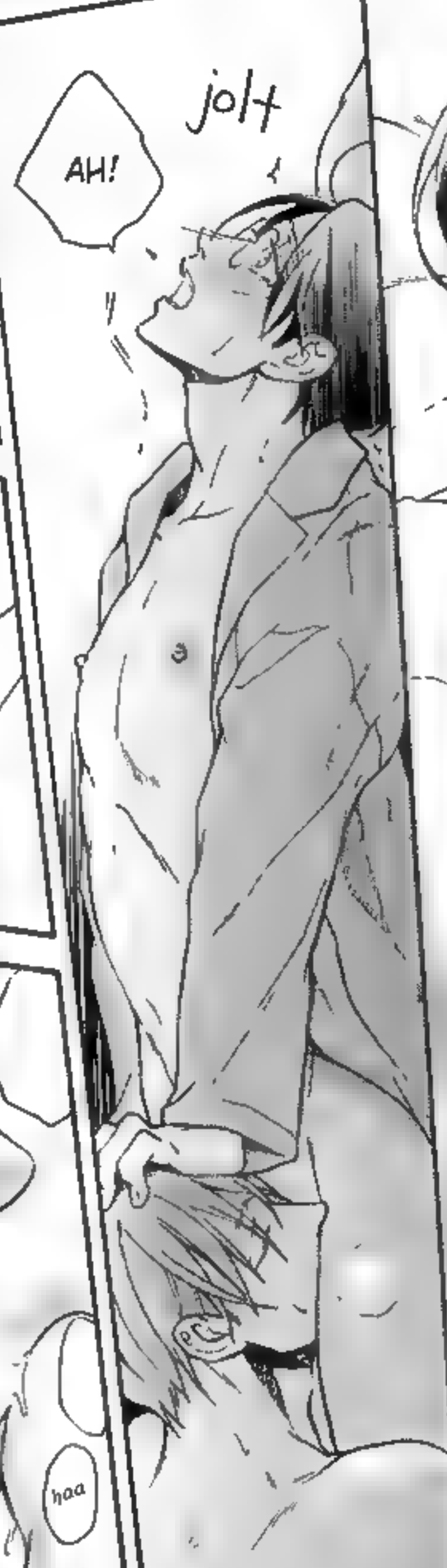








All this time,



how have I managed  
to keep my sanity?





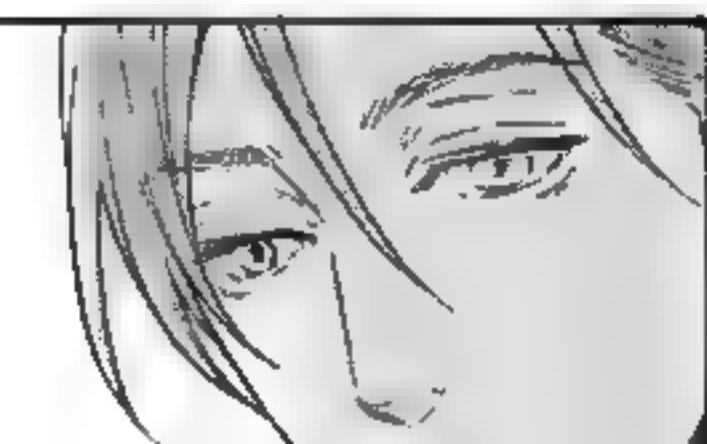
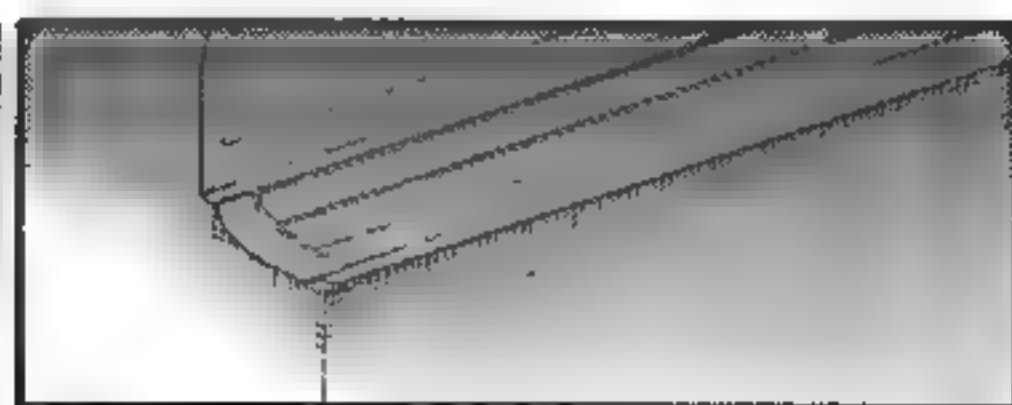


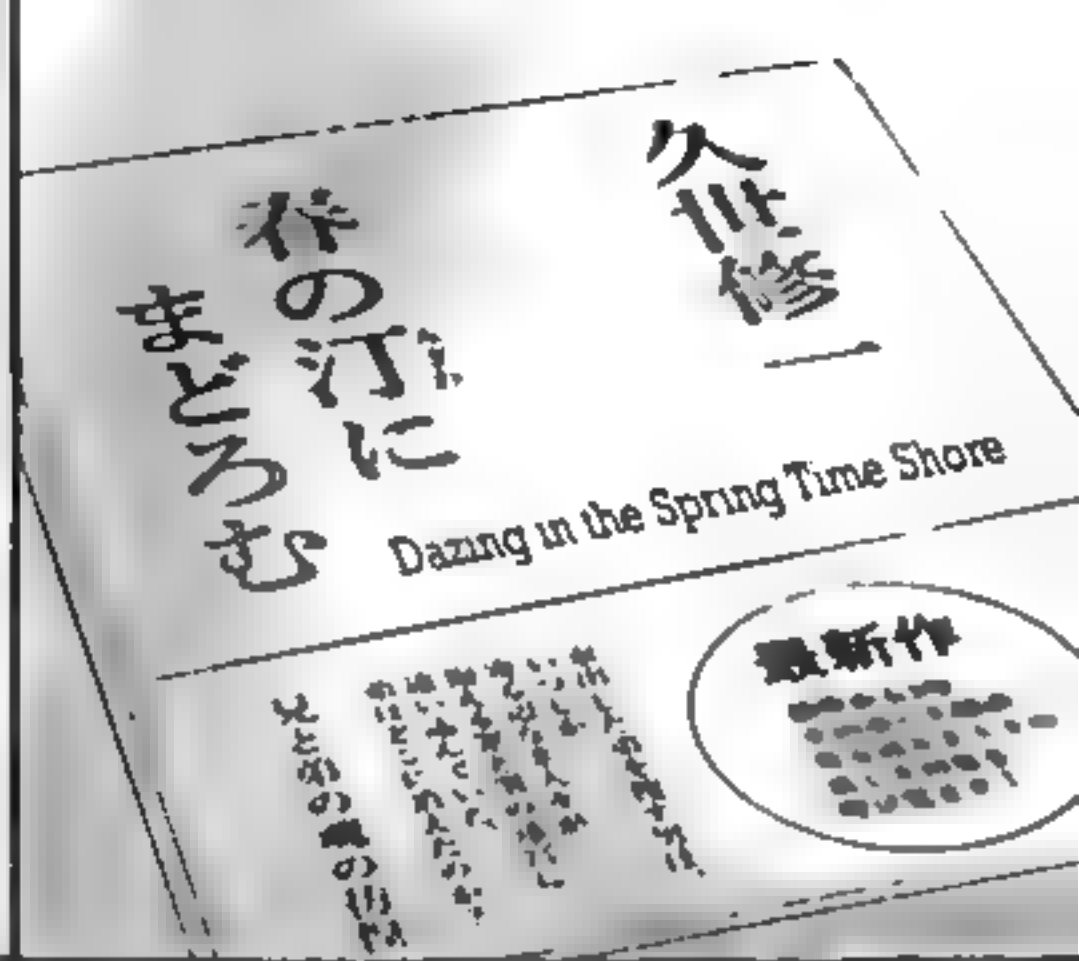
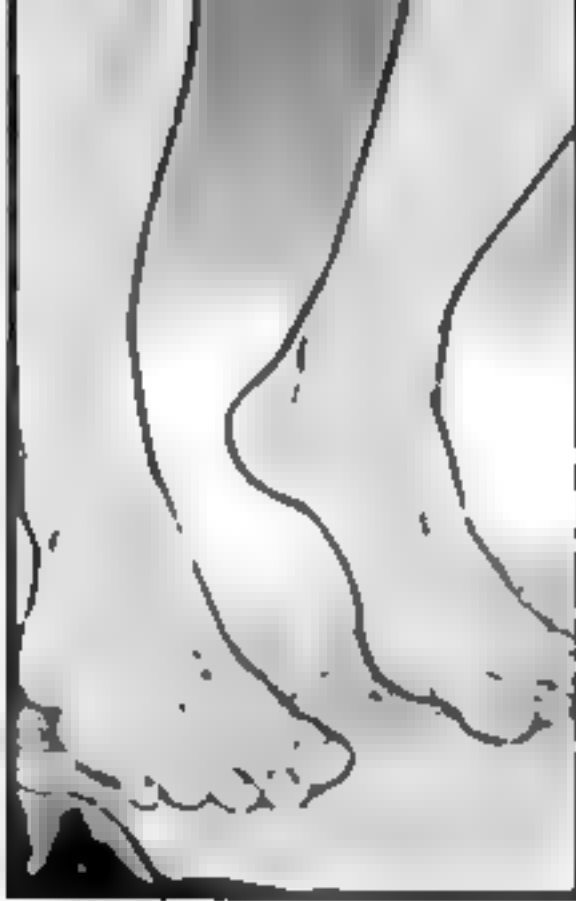
And I don't care  
how desperate  
I sound.



Other than these feelings,  
nothing else matters now.











then got  
entangled  
in a crime  
case...

SO IT WAS  
A STORY ABOUT  
A BIG BROTHER  
WHO SEARCHED  
FOR HIS LITTLE  
BROTHER WHO  
RAN AWAY  
FROM HOME,



HE'S  
CLEARLY A  
SALARY MAN  
IN TOKYO!

WHO'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE A  
RUNAWAY  
TEEN-  
AGER?



TO REACH  
OUT TO HIM.

WHAT'S  
LEFT IS



WHAT'S  
LEFT...



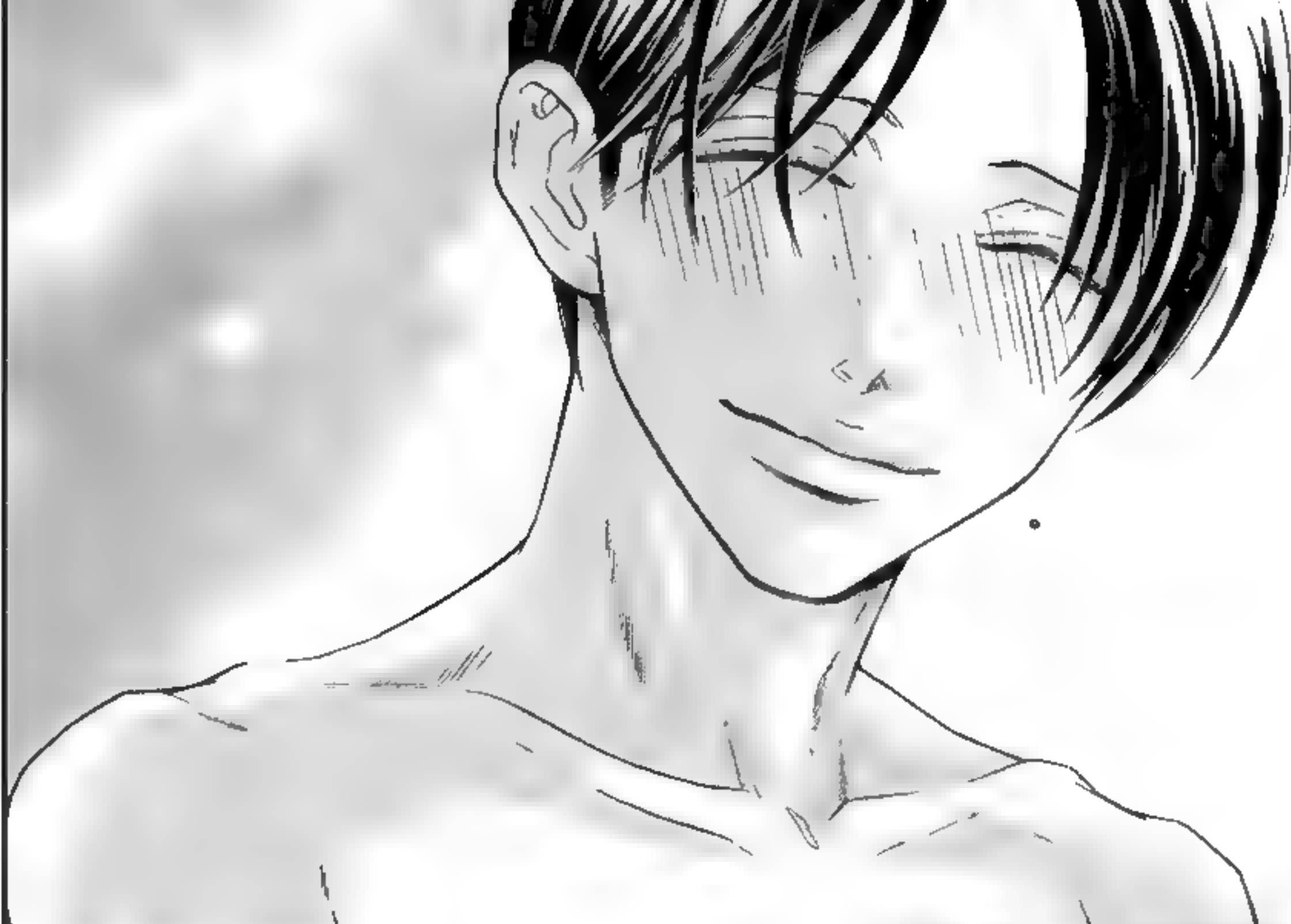
CAN  
YOU HELP  
ME PICK  
SOMETHING  
OUT ON THE  
WEEKEND?

SINCE  
I STILL  
HAVEN'T  
BOUGHT  
HIM A  
BABY  
GIFT,

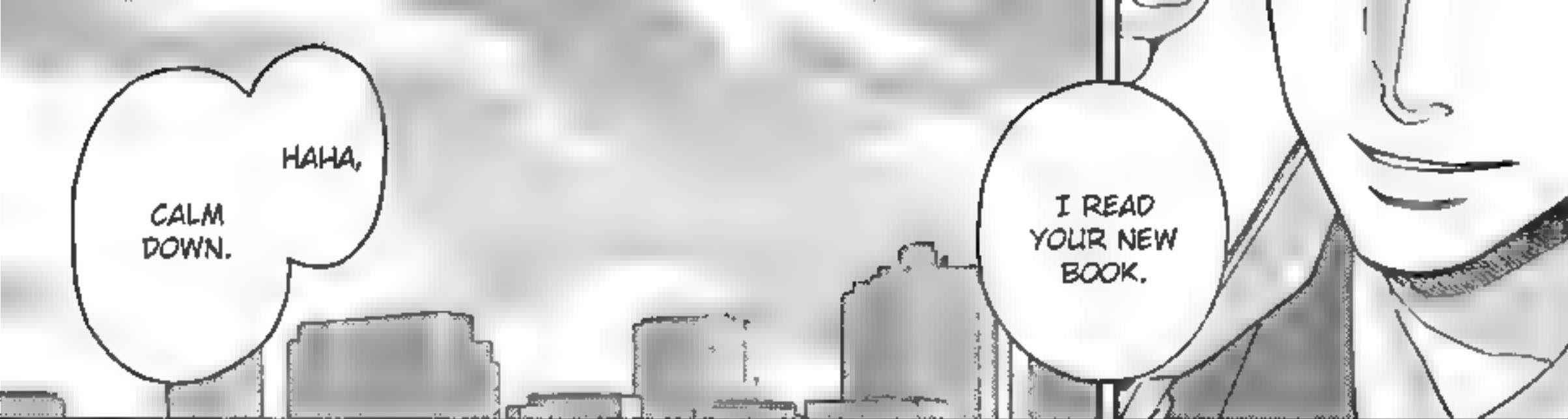


MY  
BRO-  
THER'S  
SON  
WAS  
BORN.

A  
FEW  
DAYS  
AGO,



HELLO?







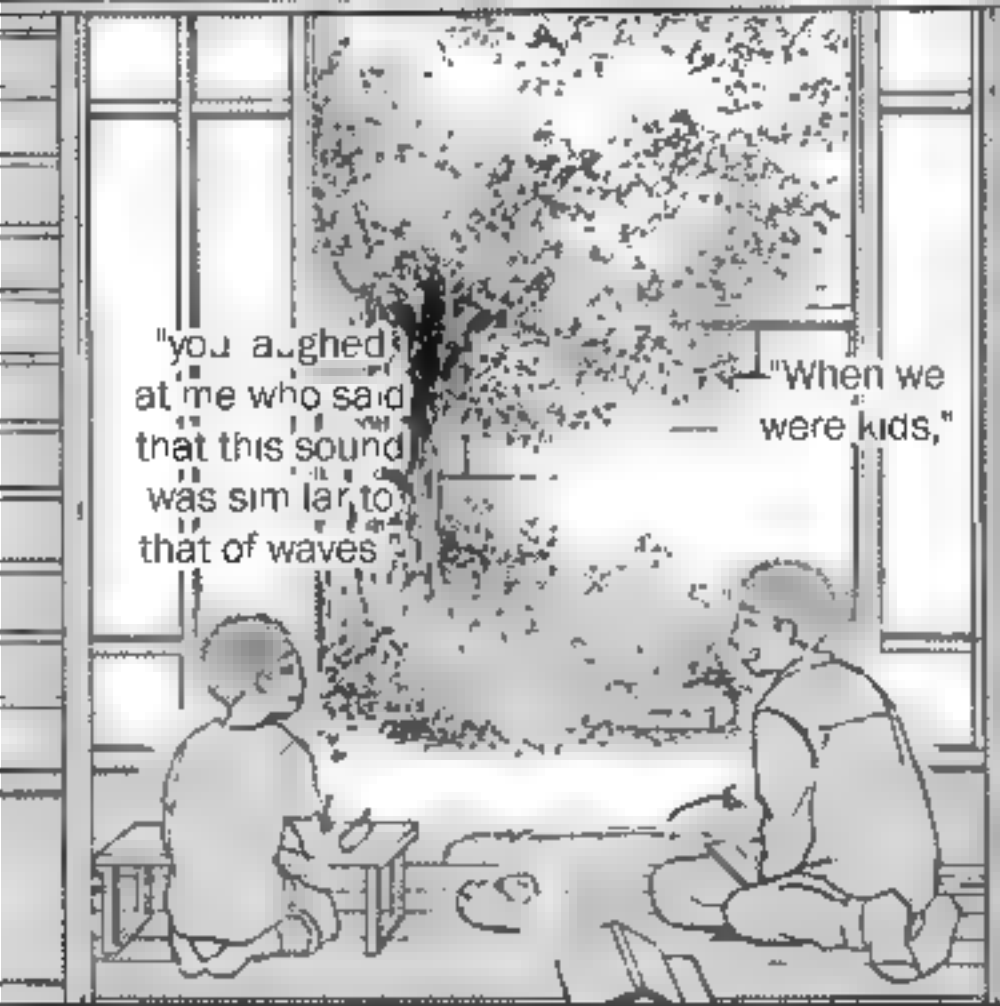
YOU REALLY  
ARE STUPID.

WEREN'T  
I THE ONE  
WHO WAS  
IN THE  
WRONG?

"On one spring day,"

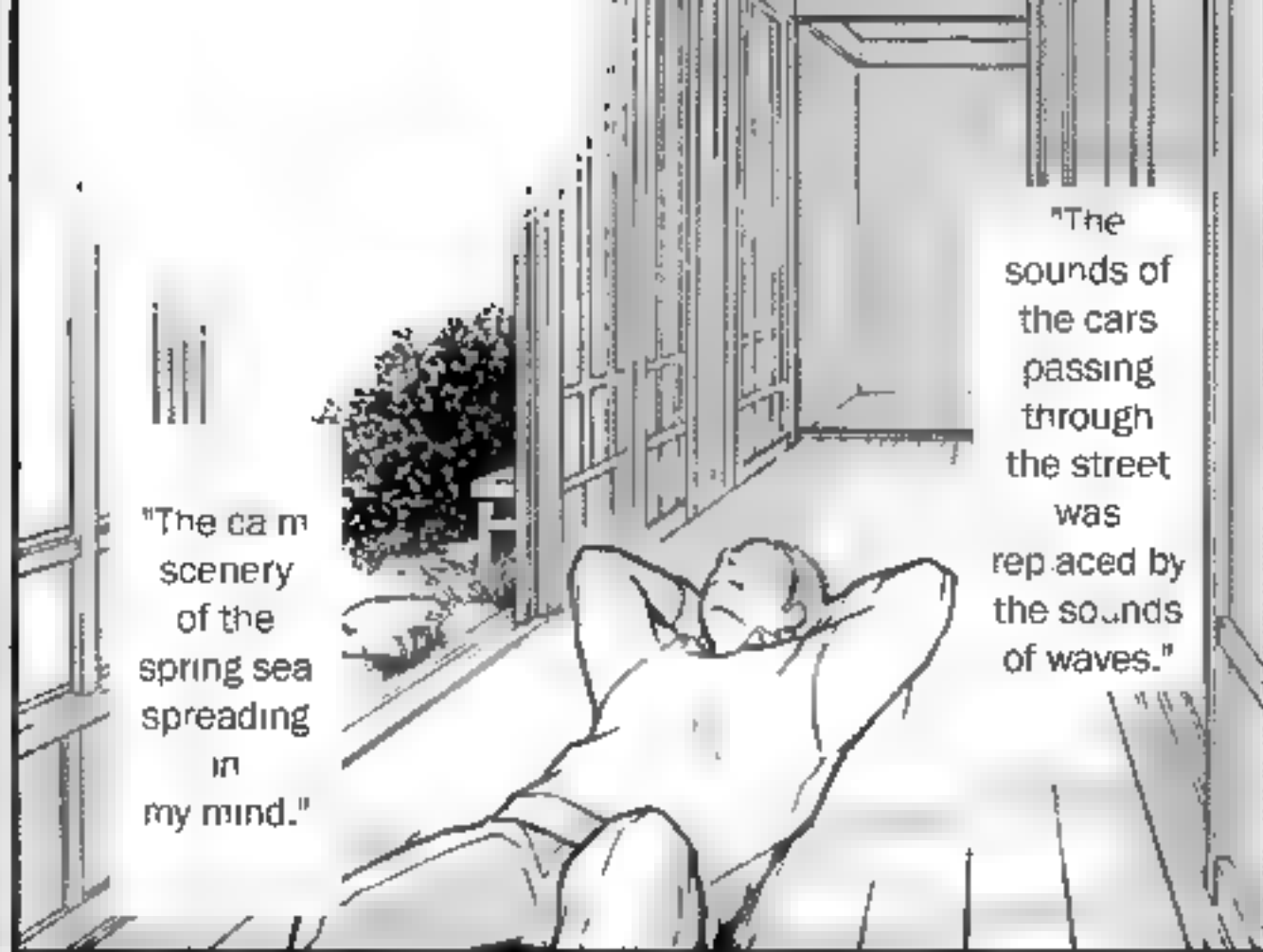
"I stopped by my  
parent's old home,  
laid down on the  
terrace and closed  
my eyes."





"you laughed  
at me who said  
that this sound  
was similar to  
that of waves."

"When we  
were kids,"



"The calm  
scenery of the  
spring sea  
spreading  
in  
my mind."

"The  
sounds of  
the cars  
passing  
through  
the street  
was  
replaced by  
the sounds  
of waves."



"My dear little brother  
who left to a faraway  
place."



"Has your  
winter finally come  
to an end?"

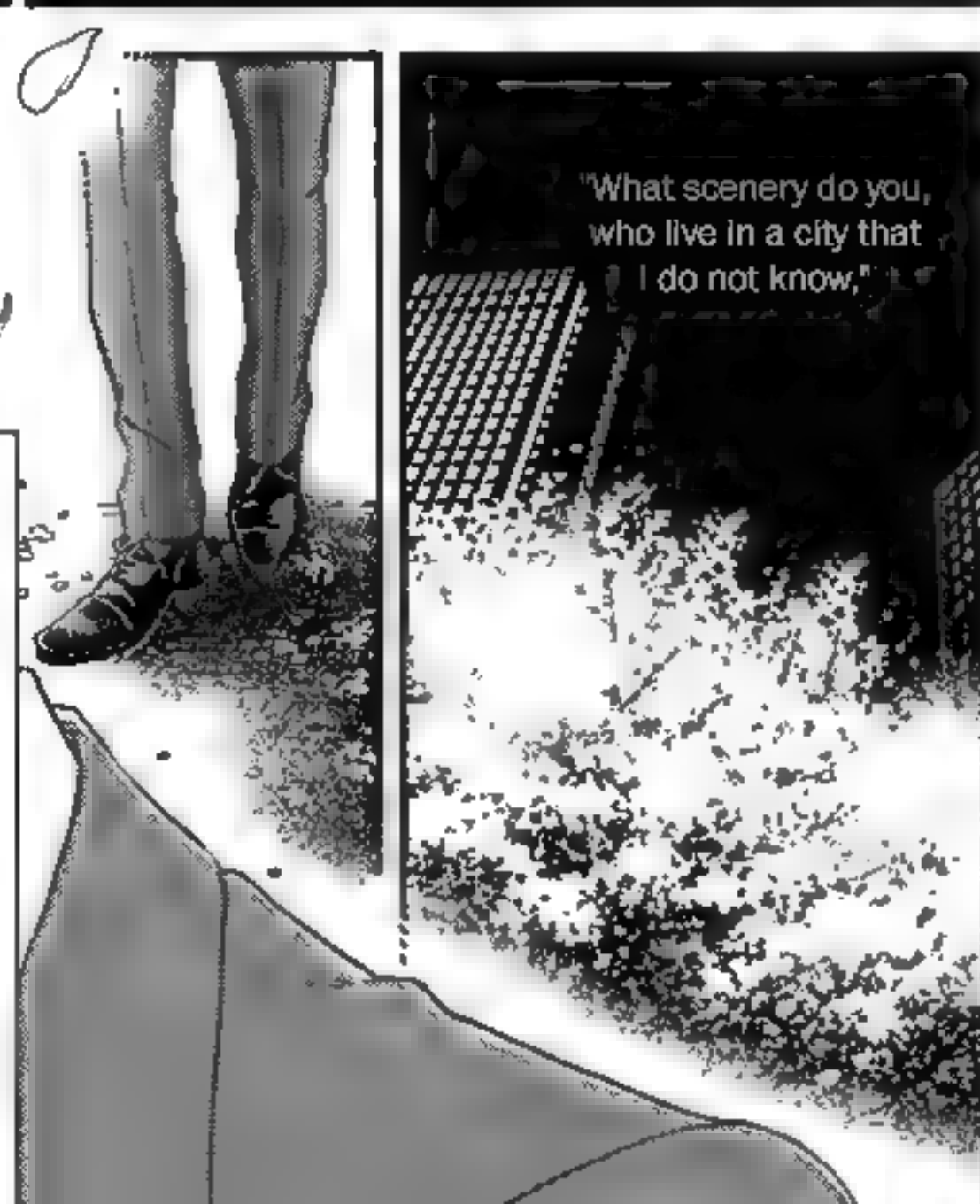


"My foolish  
self has"

"been rewarded  
with a lot of seasons  
thanks to your  
very existence."



"see through  
your eyes?"



"What scenery do you,  
who live in a city that  
I do not know,"



GOOD  
WORK  
TODAY.



DON'T DRINK  
TOO MUCH  
BECAUSE WE  
STILL HAVE  
TO GO OUT ♪  
TO BUY THE  
BABY GIFT  
TOMORROW.

turn

THE RARE  
WINE THAT  
YOU WERE  
TALKING  
ABOUT IS  
FINALLY  
HERE.

kiss

"I pray"

"that plenty of  
flower petals  
would keep falling  
onto your head."

END



IS  
THAT  
SO?

We have to  
go soon.

DON'T YOU  
THINK THAT  
YOU ARE  
TOO GOOD  
AT GETTING  
AHEAD OF  
YOURSELF?!

MINA-  
KAMI-  
KUN!!



EXTRA ILLUSTRATION!

SOAKING IN  
HOT SPRING...



To my readers,  
I would like to express my gratitude to the editor in chief, editorial staff, designers,  
and everyone that helped to actualize this book. I would also like to thank you for all  
the letters that I have received. I will be sure to read through them. In the hopes  
of returning all the good wishes that I have received for this manga, I will continue  
to dedicate myself to my works in the future.

hanafuru futari  
kokonatsu hiro



Today is a wonderful day.

今日は素晴らしい日だ

OF COURSE, IT'S MY FIRST MOVIE IN A LONG TIME AFTER ALL THAT HECTIC WORK SCHEDULE.

CINEMA

THIS IS BAD...

yawn

I'M A LITTLE EXCITED.

CAN YOU REALLY FINISH ALL THAT?

Thank you very much... from Hiro! ♡ ありがとうございました!! ぽんぽんぽん

DEAR CUSTOMERS, WE ARE CLOSING UP.

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT... AREN'T THEY HOLDING HANDS?



二つのヒロ

hanafusa  
futari  
a tan... 11





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上 記 に 大 幅 加 筆

あ と が き ————— 描 き 下 ろ し

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17歳で彗星のごとく  
文壇デビューした水上青年は  
直後、筆を折る。  
秘められた真実――  
受賞作は盗作だったのだ。



やがて営業マンとなった水上は、  
同期の地味総務・加久田に  
「大ファン」だと告げられる。  
何も知らず、無邪気ともいえる  
加久田の賛辞。  
水上は自分の忌まわしい過去を  
愛する加久田に  
何の因果か惹かれてしまい、  
肉体を要求していくが……。



2人のサラリーマンに降り注ぐ  
繊細で残酷で美しすぎるラブストーリー。  
大幅加筆修正。

